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CHINA | ENTER THE ROOSTER



NEW YEAR'S PRAYER: Worshippers offer coins for prosperity while praying at Longhua Temple in Shanghai on Wednesday. Businesses and government offices from Beijing to Singapore were closed to mark the start of year 4072, the year of the Rooster, in the traditional Chinese calendar.

HIV Screening Urged for All

TRENTON, N.J. | Urging a major shift in U.S. policy, some health experts are recommending that virtually all Americans be tested routinely for the AIDS virus, much as they are for cancer and other diseases.

Since the early years of the AIDS epidemic, the government has recommended screening only in big cities, where AIDS rates are high, and among members of high-risk groups, such as gay men and drug addicts.

But two large, federally funded studies found that the cost of routinely testing and treating nearly all adults would be outweighed by a reduction in new infections and

the opportunity to start patients on drug cocktails early, when they work best.

A failure to institute such screening would be "a critical disservice" to patients with the AIDS virus and "the future health of the nation," Dr. Samuel A. Bozzette wrote in an editorial accompanying the studies, which appear in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Dr. Robert Janssen, director of HIV-AIDS prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the CDC will re-evaluate its guidelines over the next two years, and will consider the study's findings. LINDA A. JOHNSON (AP)

Infidelity Rumors Backfire

Baltimore mayor, wife decry 'lies'; Ehrlich aide forced out

BALTIMORE | Mayor Martin O'Malley on Wednesday denounced rumors of infidelity spread on the Internet by a longtime aide to Gov. Robert Ehrlich, saying he was the target of an "orchestrated campaign," as his wife described the effect that the stories were having on their young children.

"These are despicable lies. These are falsehoods," said O'Malley, a Democrat who is thinking about running for governor in 2006. "I have always been faithful to my wife from our first date until this date."



One day earlier, O'Malley, 42, had accused the Republican governor's administration of spreading the rumors, prompting Ehrlich to force out longtime employee Joseph Steffen, who confirmed that he discussed the rumors on the conservative Web site FreeRepublic.com and in private e-mails, which were given to The Washington Post.

According to the rumor, O'Malley supposedly fathered a child with a television news reporter and separated from his wife.

O'Malley aides said after the news conference that the mayor and his wife, Catherine, would like an apology from Ehrlich, who has said he didn't have anything to do with spreading the rumors. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

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CANDY | Gimme a Break A Frinton, England, man spent \$5,000 on 27,000 multipacks of KitKat bars to try to win a car, British newspapers reported. Kelvin Bygrave, 43, cleared stores' shelves of the candy bars in a bid to win a \$22,000



Peugeot — though he doesn't even like chocolate. Each wrapper is worth "KitKash," which can be used in online auctions. Kelvin believes his 6 million points will be enough for the car. He plans to give the candy to schools. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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BAD NEIGHBORS

Local Watering Hole

A man in Deventer, Netherlands, who was sick of noise from an Irish pub next door nailed the pub doors shut, drilled a hole in the wall and flooded the crowded bar with a garden hose, the De Telegraaf reported. Murphy's pub was full of people celebrating an annual carnival when the

water came gushing in. Pub manager Rianne Jansen said people tried to get out the doors but couldn't. Neighbor Tom van den Belt admitted Tuesday he was responsible, adding that he called the fire brigade while the water was pouring in. He also told police he was tired of the noise from the pub, and threatened to set off a stink bomb if the late-night parties continue. (EXPRESS)

UNWIELDY SPOILS

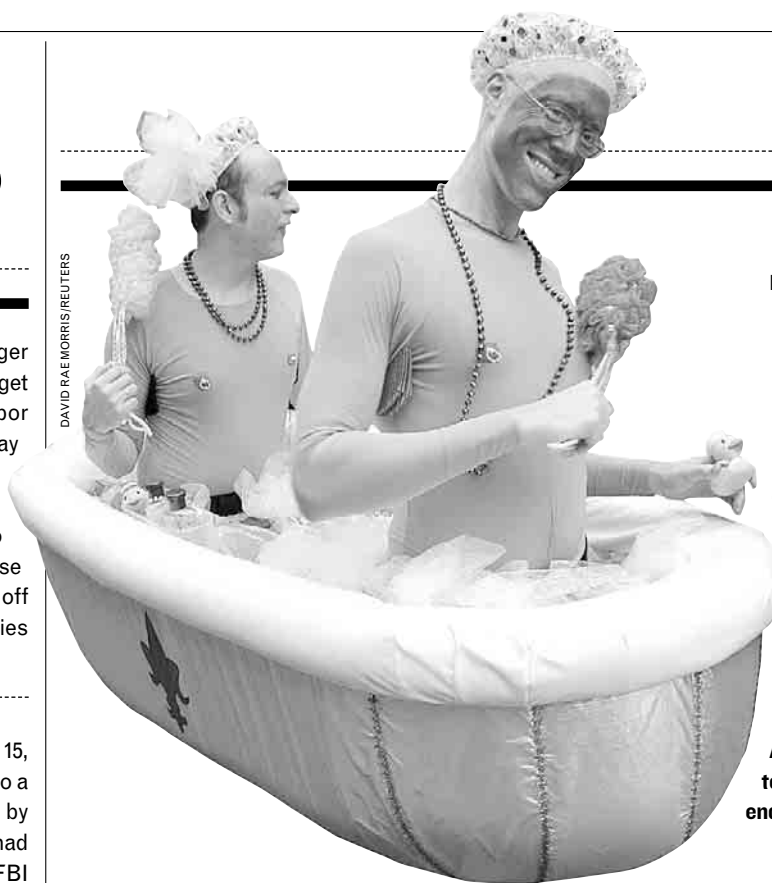
Chump Change

A plot to cash 45,000 pounds of stolen nickels failed after a grocery store reported a big deposit in its coin machine, according to court documents. The Federal Reserve hired Ricardo Mendoza in December to transport 3.8 million nickels from New Jersey to New Orleans, the FBI said, but the truck



turned up empty in Florida. On Jan. 15, a Miami store alerted police to a \$4,000 deposit in nickels by Juan Brito, who said he had saved them. After an FBI interview, Brito, along with three others who have also since been charged in the theft, decided to bury the nickels, which the FBI recovered after receiving a tip. Mendoza, another man and 896,000 missing nickels are still being sought. (AP)

DAVID RAE MORRIS/REUTERS



PARADES

Rub a Dub Dub

Two men in a tub infused the Mardi Gras festivities in New Orleans today with a celebration of personal hygiene as they paraded in a float with the Society of St. Anne in the French Quarter — one of 11 parades held on Fat Tuesday, with the first starting at 8 a.m. and the last going until sundown, Reuters reported. After a week of parades, partying and the tossing around of beads, carnival season ended at midnight and Lent began. (EXPRESS)

NUDITY

Making Bad Meatloaf Renditions Worse

It takes a lot of nerve to sing at a karaoke

club, and even more to do it in the buff. But a Berlin, Conn., bar owner said he has 120 people signed up to participate in a "Naked Karaoke" event Saturday. Marty St. Pierre said fliers advertising

the event created such an uproar that he was threatened with fines and arrest. So his lawyer sued the town and won. St. Pierre said they're going ahead with the event. (AP)

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PET PROJECTS: West Hollywood, Calif., Mayor John Duran introduced a motion Monday that would prohibit ear cropping, tail docking and other surgical procedures on animals for "noncurative" reasons. The ban would be the nation's first, he said.



Nation

NEW MEXICO | HAIL TO THE MAIL



FIRST PERSON: Post Office employee Jerry Carlton, wearing a Ronald Reagan mask, hands change back to customer Lon Alexander after he bought a book of Ronald Reagan stamps on Wednesday at a Post Office in Clovis, N.M. Former President Reagan's famous smile is featured on a new postage stamp that was issued Wednesday in ceremonies nationwide.

Fiorina Ousted as HP CEO

Influential computer chief had differences with board members

SAN FRANCISCO | Carly Fiorina's nearly six-year reign at Hewlett-Packard Co. ended abruptly Wednesday as board members forced her out, disappointed by her inability to transform a plodding technology giant dominated by printer sales into a more nimble innovator.

HP's stock, which has gone nowhere for two years and is down two-thirds from its peak in 2000, rose almost 7 percent after earlier soaring almost 11 percent on the news of her ouster.

Board members said they fired the chief executive — perhaps corporate America's most influential woman — because Fiorina failed



Carly Fiorina addresses an electronics conference in Las Vegas in January.

to slash costs and boost revenue as quickly as directors had hoped.

"While I regret the board and I have differences about how to execute HP's strategy, I respect their decision," said Fiorina, 50, who

is expected to collect a severance package worth \$21.1 million.

Fiorina is best known for orchestrating the 2002 acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp. — a \$24.2 billion stock deal that required her and Compaq boss Michael Capellas to spend months wooing reluctant executives and shareholders.

The fiercest resistance came from HP director Walter Hewlett, son of an HP co-founder. Employees also soured on the deal, which led to the elimination of thousands of employees per quarter for more than a year.

Some business experts expect Fiorina's ouster to precipitate a broad restructuring at HP, possibly undoing many of the changes she spearheaded. **RACHEL KONRAD (AP)**

Pink slip: George Anders, author of "Perfect Enough: Carly Fiorina and the Reinvention of Hewlett Packard," online at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Army Rotations Mulled

WASHINGTON | Recognizing the strain on its troops, the Army will not rely as heavily on guardsmen and reservists for future rotations to Iraq, the secretary of the Army said Wednesday.

"We are not in a crisis mode. We're in a very heavy concern mode," said Francis J. Harvey, who has been in the job for just three months and was making his first appearance before Congress as secretary.

Testifying about President Bush's proposed Army budget, Harvey told

lawmakers that the major reconfiguration the Army is undergoing "will significantly reduce the stress on our force" by making time abroad and at home more predictable.

Both Republicans and Democrats on the House Armed Services Committee pressed Harvey and Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army's chief of staff, about the stress on troops — and questioned whether the budget before them should include money for a permanent increase in active-duty troops. **LIZ SIDOTI (AP)**

In Brief

PAISLEY, FLA.

Man Captured After Slaying Of Florida Sheriff's Deputy

A felon accused of gunning down one sheriff's deputy and wounding two others was captured Wednesday in the Ocala National Forest after a daylong search by hundreds of law enforcement officers. Jason Lee Wheeler, 29, was wounded in a gun fight with the officers who captured him in rural Lake County, officers said. Wheeler allegedly ambushed

the three Lake County deputies outside his home at about 9 a.m. as they responded to a domestic battery call from his girlfriend. **(AP)**

MONTPELIER, VT.

'Crazy' Bear Company Chief Resigns From Hospital Board

The head of Vermont Teddy Bear Co. resigned from the board of Vermont's largest hospital Wednesday after coming under fire from mental health activists for selling a "Crazy for You" bear in a straitjacket. "The recent controversy surrounding one of my company's teddy bears will detract from my ability to serve

effectively, and I cannot allow this to occur," Elisabeth Robert said in a statement issued by the hospital. **(AP)**

WASHINGTON

Dayton of Minnesota Won't Seek Second Term in Senate

Minnesota Sen. Mark Dayton, a first-term Democrat atop the Republicans' 2006 target list, said Wednesday he won't run for re-election next year. His decision is likely to open the way toward an expensive open-seat election battle in a state that has become more receptive to Republicans in recent years. **(AP)**

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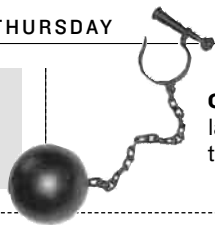
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CRIME PAYS: In an effort to offset costs, officials in Will County, Ill., are pushing for a state law that would let counties charge jail inmates up to \$56 per day for their stay, if convicted, the Chicago Tribune reported. Fees likely would be as little as \$6, based on ability to pay.

Woman Surrenders in Scalping Case

BOISE, IDAHO | A member of a punk clique surrendered to police Wednesday for allegedly scalping another member, apparently as punishment for disrespectful behavior toward women, police said.

The victim, a 16-year-old girl

whose hair was cut mohawk style, survived.

Marianne Dahle, 26, is accused of tying up the teenager and cutting away a 6-by-8-inch section of her scalp with a four-inch knife. The incident took place on Jan. 18.

The teen spent two weeks in the hospital and is now recovering at home. Her name was not released, though she identified herself as Sheila to journalists.

Dahle faces a felony arrest warrant for aggravated battery. If convicted, she could be sentenced to 14 years in prison. (AP)

Broken Heart Could Mean Trip to a Doctor

TRENTON, N.J. | Confirming the wisdom of the poets and philosophers, doctors say the sudden death of a loved one really can cause a broken heart.

In fact, they have dubbed the condition "broken heart syndrome."

In a study published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine just in time for Valentine's Day — Feb. 14 — doctors reported how a tragic or shocking event can stun the heart and produce classic heart attack-like symptoms, including chest pain, shortness of breath and fluid in the lungs.

For centuries, doctors have

known that emotional shocks can trigger heart attacks and sudden deaths. Broken heart syndrome, technically known as stress cardiomyopathy, is a different phenomenon.

Dr. Hunter Champion and colleagues at Johns Hopkins University treated 19 emergency room patients with the syndrome between 1999 and 2003.

Many were grieving over the death of a husband, parent or child. Other triggers included a surprise party, car accident, armed robbery, fierce argument and fear of public speaking. LINDA A. JOHNSON (AP)

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SUPER BOWL | LAST STEPS



END ZONE: Workers wrap up leftover Super Bowl materials in Jacksonville, Fla., on Wednesday. The items will be donated to a volunteer organization.

Bush Seeks More Funds for Poland

WASHINGTON | President Bush said Wednesday he will ask Congress for \$100 million to help modernize the armed forces of Poland, a staunch ally in the war in Iraq — a nearly 50 percent increase over last year.

During an Oval Office meeting with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, Bush said he was confident that Congress would approve the money. The United States gave Poland \$67 million in military aid last year.

The money will be part of the estimated \$80 billion war funding request the White House is expected to submit next week. (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Social Insecurity: Most Americans are sure Social Security will go bankrupt, but are not ready to embrace changes to fix its finances, two new surveys find. | [Page A1](#)

Rules Revised: The Defense Department's new personnel rules may jettison parts of a long-standing civil service system. | [Page A1](#)

Water Filter: Unlike millions of others in the D.C. region, residents in Great Falls, Va., get their water from underground wells. | [Metro](#)

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World



CAT COUNT: More than 1,000 trackers, hunters, ecologists and others will fan out across the snowy wilds of Russia's Far East on Thursday to conduct the first census of the endangered Siberian tiger in a decade. The last count found just 450 living in the wild.

Rice Presses Iran on Talks

Says talks on nuclear program can't last forever

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned Iran on Wednesday that it risks U.N. action if negotiations with Europe over its nuclear program don't progress.

Nearing the end of a fence-mending tour of European allies, Rice also said she encountered "a kind of coming together of common purpose" on another troubled front: Iraq. Several countries committed

to help train Iraqi forces.

Rice said the United States had set no deadline on the Iran talks, but that they cannot go on forever. She added the Bush administration had not changed its view that the United Nations should step in to get tougher on Iran.

Iran says its program is for nuclear power, not weapons. In Tehran, President Mohammad Khatami said Wednesday that no Iranian govern-

ment would ever abandon the progress the country has made in developing peaceful nuclear technology.

The comment did not augur well for negotiations with three European countries that are trying to persuade Iran to cease permanently the enrichment of uranium and have promised economic and technological aid in return. (AP)

Tough talk: Top officer says U.S. is updating war plan for Iran, but insists it's routine | **Today's Post:** Section A

Basque Group Blamed In Madrid Car Bombing

ETA resurges in blast that injures 43 near city's convention center

MADRID | A car bomb blamed on Basque separatists exploded in a Madrid office park Wednesday near where King Juan Carlos later appeared, injuring at least 43 people in the worst terrorist attack in the Spanish capital since last year's bombing of commuter trains.

The bomb exploded at about 9:30 a.m., less than an hour after a warning call purportedly made by the Basque separatist group ETA.

Police did not have time after the call to the Basque newspaper Gara to fully cordon off the area or evacuate people from the convention center nearby, where the king later met Mexico President Vicente Fox.

The bombing came hours after



A policeman stands guard outside a building damaged by the blast in Madrid.

police arrested 14 ETA suspects and a week after Parliament overwhelmingly rejected a plan giving the Basque region broad autonomy bordering on independence.

In recent years, police have weakened the separatists with arrests, but the bombing is a reminder they retain the ability to use violence. (AP)

Vote Recount To Delay Results Of Iraqi Elections

BAGHDAD | Iraqi officials said they must recount votes from about 300 ballot boxes because of various discrepancies, delaying final results from the national elections.

Officials had promised final results from the elections by Thursday. Election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said Wednesday the deadline would not be met because of the recount.

Meanwhile, post-election violence mounted. Gunmen ambushed a convoy of Kurdish party officials in Baghdad, killing one. And in the southern city of Basra, gunmen killed an Iraqi journalist working for a U.S.-funded TV station and his 3-year-old son as they left their home. ROBERT H. REID (AP)

VATICAN | 26-YEAR STREAK ENDS



MOVED: U.S. Cardinal Edmund Casimir Szoka wipes his eye during Ash Wednesday prayers in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Wednesday. Pope John Paul II celebrated in his hospital room, missing public prayers opening the Lenten season of fasting and reflection for the first time in 26 years.

Israel to Lift Some Travel Restrictions

JERUSALEM | Israel has agreed to lift travel restrictions in parts of the West Bank in coming weeks, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas said Wednesday, in what would be the strongest signal yet to Palestinians that a cease-fire with Israel is beginning to pay off.

Israel also said it would let some Palestinians enter Israel from Gaza

and the West Bank to work.

Abbas made the announcement after returning to the West Bank from a summit in Egypt, where he and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared a cease-fire. Freedom of travel would greatly improve Palestinians' lives, as the roadblocks have decimated their economy.

Abbas said Israel had assured him that travel bans would soon be eased and several checkpoints will be removed as part of its withdrawal from five Palestinian towns. (AP)

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FAMILY TREE: Marie-Antoinette's favorite oak, planted around 1685, was felled Wednesday after dying in France's 2003 heat wave. Its trunk will be saved for its admirers.



World

In Brief

FRANCE

Move to Scrap 35-Hour Workweek Passes Hurdle

The 35-hour workweeks French workers enjoy could be falling by the wayside. After a vitriolic debate, lawmakers approved a bill on Wednesday that would allow employees to work more. The lower house of parliament voted 370-180 on the measure to permit private sector employees to work up to 48 hours each week. The measure now goes to the Senate for debate, where it is expected to pass. (AP)

KUWAIT

Terror Suspect Dies in Jail, Raising Questions of Torture

The alleged ringleader of an anti-American terrorist group died of heart failure nine days after he was detained, the government said Wednesday. Police detained Amer Khlaif al-Enezi, 29, in a raid on a house south of Kuwait City. A Muslim fundamentalist lawmaker filed a written question in parliament asking the interior minister whether authorities holding the former mosque preacher had respected a law that forbids torture. (AP)

NEPAL

Activists: Government Claim Of 43 Detainees Far Too Low

The government said Wednesday that it has arrested 43 people since the king suspended civil liberties and imposed emergency rule last week. The detainees, including political leaders and student activists, were arrested for their "own personal safety" as well as to stem potential disturbances, a Home Ministry statement said. Political parties countered that the number of politicians and activists detained far exceeded 43, possibly reaching as many as 250. (AP)



A man in Riyadh on Wednesday walks by a poster of a candidate for the municipal council elections. Many candidates have chosen to run Western-style campaigns.

Saudis Prep for 'Pioneering' Vote

Country's first nationwide elections begin today

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | Forty years ago, in municipal polls limited to big cities, a candidate would slaughter a few sheep, throw a dinner party in a tent to announce his candidacy and, on election day, drive supporters — some even without identification — to write their names on his list.

It will be a different story Thursday, when Saudis in the Riyadh region vote in the country's first nationwide elections. They will have registration cards, vote behind privacy curtains, drop ballots in boxes designed according to international standards and choose among candidates who ran Western-style campaigns, including posters, phone text messages and newspaper ads.

The first of the three-stage elections are for only half the country's municipal councils, and women have been banned from voting and running. But it will be the first time

Saudis will take part in a vote that conforms to international standards, offering them an opportunity to participate in decision-making in this absolute monarchy.

"Although such a step appears small and humble, it carries many implications, for it's the first time that basic preparations for elections are held," Labor Minister Ghazi Algosaibi told a news conference Wednesday. "These elections are a pioneering experience."

More than 1,800 candidates are contesting 127 seats in the capital and surrounding villages Thursday. Two more phases will cover the rest of the country in March and April.

The powers of the councils are not clear, nor are their specific responsibilities. But analysts expect them to become a conduit for public dissatisfaction. DONNA ABU-NASR (AP)

Blair Apologizes for Notorious Case

LONDON | Prime Minister Tony Blair apologized Wednesday to 11 people wrongfully jailed for IRA bombings three decades ago, a case regarded as one of Britain's worst miscarriages of justice that was dramatized in the film "In the Name of the Father."

Members of the Conlon and

Maguire families were jailed for 1974 Irish Republican Army bombings that killed seven people. They were subsequently acquitted.

"I am very sorry that they were subject to such an ordeal and such an injustice," said Blair, who was lobbied by the Irish premier to apol-

ogize on behalf of the government. "That's why I am making this apology today. They deserve to be completely and publicly exonerated."

The arrests and convictions of Gerry Conlon, his father and nine others achieved international notoriety when the case was dramatized in the 1993 movie, which earned seven Oscar nominations. (AP)

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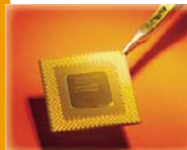


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Local

O'Malley In the Spotlight

Accusations, attack on Bush not likely to harm mayor's position

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley, a blunt-spoken official who is considered to be a rising star in the national Democratic Party, is accustomed to attracting public attention, but not necessarily the kind he encountered in the space of a few hours this week.

O'Malley created a stir in Washington at a national mayor's conference Tuesday when he compared President Bush's cuts in aid for cities to the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Later in the day, rumors that the 42-year-old mayor had been



Martin and Catherine O'Malley on Wednesday denied the mayor had an affair.

involved in an extramarital affair became public when Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich fired an aide who acknowledged spreading the allegations on an Internet site. O'Malley and his wife, Catherine, denounced the rumors at a joint news conference at City Hall on Wednesday.

As a white mayor elected twice in a predominantly black city, O'Malley has made an impression on national party leaders, who picked him to speak at the Democratic National Convention last summer.

The initial assessment of Tuesday's two events was that they probably would not have much impact on O'Malley's political future, although some political experts questioned the wisdom of the harsh criticism of Bush.

"I wouldn't say it's over the line, but it's pretty close," Herbert Smith, a political science professor at McDaniel College northwest of Baltimore, said. "I think it's a one-day wonder for the Republican attack machine, but it's long-term consequences are negligible."

TOM STUCKEY (AP)

Homeless Given Fur Coats by PETA

WASHINGTON | They've spent years burning fur coats and tossing paint at people wearing them. But Wednesday, an animal rights group tried something completely different — handing out dozens of furs to homeless people at a city shelter.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals argued that the donated furs should provide warmth — rather than vanity — for the owners.

"We can't bring the lives of these animals back," said PETA spokesman William Rivas-Rivas. "We have



An unidentified woman tries on a free fur coat in the District on Wednesday.

to be pragmatic."

"This is really cool," said Tuesday Brown, 42, who lives in the shelter about half a mile from the Capitol. She chose a long brown fur after trying on about five coats. (AP)

In Brief

COLLEGE PARK, MD.

Report: County Hospital Needs \$35M to Stay Open

Prince George's County's public hospital needs up to \$35 million to stay open, according to a report released on Wednesday that also recommends that the county sever its 22-year agreement with a non-profit organization that runs the ailing hospital. The report harshly criticized Dimension Healthcare System's management of the hospital that serves most of the county's poor and uninsured residents. (AP)

VIENNA, VA.

Police Seek Suspect for Stickups Near Metro Station

Police were searching Wednesday for an armed robber believed responsible for two stickups in apartments down the street from the Vienna Metro station. The latest incident happened Tuesday night. Investigators said a couple walked home from the subway, and as they got into their apartment building they were approached from behind by a man with a gun. He stole their money, then ran off. No one was injured in either robbery. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, February 9

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-8-4 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	0-9-6 (white)
Mid-day DC 4	8-2-6-1
Evening DC 4	8-5-5-7
Quick Cash	16-32-18-5-3-14
Hot Five	14-17-12-24-13

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	3-1-4
Evening Pick 3	0-2-5

Mid-day Pick 4	8-9-9-6
Evening Pick 4	4-6-0-6
Match 5	7-19-21-25-38 Bonus: 22

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-3-8
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	1-0-5
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-8-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	9-2-5-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	17-22-26-28-31
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	3-15-17-18-28

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Mega Millions (Tues.)	8-11-14-23-25
Mega Ball	21

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

Money

Wal-Mart Pressed by Union

Mega-retailer to close Canadian store, citing unreasonable demands

NEW YORK | Wal-Mart Stores said Wednesday it will close a Canadian store whose workers are on the verge of becoming the first ever to win a union contract from the world's biggest retailer.

Wal-Mart said it was shuttering the store in Jonquiere, Quebec, in response to unreasonable demands from union negotiators. The United Food & Commercial Workers Canada last week asked Quebec labor officials to appoint a mediator, saying that negotiations had reached an impasse.

"We were hoping it wouldn't come to this," said Andrew Pelletier, a spokesman for Wal-Mart Canada.



Pierre Martineau, left, and Patrice Bergeron, two of the Wal-Mart workers who initiated the unionization, talk to reporters at the store last September.

"Despite nine days of meetings over three months, we've been unable to reach an agreement with the union that in our view will allow the store to operate efficiently and profitably."

Pelletier said the store will close in May.

As spokesman for the UFCW said

Wednesday the union had not yet seen the retailer's statement, and that leaders were traveling and not immediately available for comment.

The store in Jonquiere, about 240 miles northeast of Montreal, became the first unionized Wal-Mart store in North America last September. Since then, workers at a second Quebec store have also been granted union status. Neither had reached a contract.

The closest a U.S. union has ever come to winning a battle with Wal-Mart was in 2000, at a store in Jacksonville, Texas. In that store, 11 workers — all members of the store's meatpacking department — voted to join and be represented by the UFCW.

That effort failed when Wal-Mart eliminated the job of meatcutter companywide. ADAM GELLER (AP)

New Gadget Could Verify Age Online

NEW YORK | A top security company is exploring technology for verifying a user's age by analyzing bones in his or her finger.

Users place a middle finger against a device that attaches to a computer. The device uses ultrasound waves to check more than a dozen biometric attributes, including how much calcium is present.

It could be used to keep younger children from adult sites that employ the technology, said Shmuel Levin, founder of Israel's i-Mature.

i-Mature recently entered a partnership with RSA Security, a leading developer of authentication technology, to turn its prototype into a product, which likely won't be available for a few years, Levin said. (AP)

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"We'll still provision blankets for lumbar support, which is what the pillows [often] were used for."

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Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ActPerf	12.66	+1.53	+13.7
Aon Corp	24.52	+1.97	+8.7
Timbrlnd	72.32	+5.12	+7.6
PlaybyA	12.55	+8.5	+7.3
MS Globl	11.44	+7.6	+7.1

Losers

StarGas	4.45	-2.40	-35.0
Salton	3.85	-.56	-12.7
vjUSG	28.06	-3.21	-10.3
Jacuzzi	9.40	-1.06	-10.1
TerraNitro	22.41	-2.52	-10.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
StdMgt	4.45	+1.53	+52.4
AtlasPac	3.39	+5.9	+21.0
SilcLtd	2.78	+4.1	+17.3
Margo	7.66	+1.08	+16.5
IntSurg	47.39	+6.29	+15.3

Losers

InspPhar	8.88	-7.12	-44.5
BiolMaging	2.98	-2.16	-42.0
Zones	3.90	-1.45	-27.1
NaturlAlt	7.16	-2.58	-26.5
Synaptics	25.88	-7.43	-22.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.50	5.25
Fed Funds close	2.50	2.4375
3-month	2.47	2.47
2-year	3.23	3.32
10-year	3.98	4.14
30-year	4.37	4.58

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5380	.5389	.5382
Canadian Dollar	1.2500	1.2477	1.3291
European Euro	.7816	.7828	.7883
Japanese Yen	105.76	105.66	105.68
Mexican Peso	11.1600	11.1980	11.1160
Taiwanese Dollar	31.78	31.59	33.21

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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	26.53	+17	-.3
BcBilVArg	16.82	-.03	-5.2
BcoSnCH	12.16	...	-1.7
BkofAm s	46.44	-.45	-1.2
Barclay	44.53	-.32	-2.5
CredSuiis	40.92	-.19	-3.0
DeutscheBk	86.35	-1.24	-3.0
HSBC	84.45	+0.09	-.8
JPMorgCh	37.50	-.26	-3.9
LloydsTSB	37.37	-.41	+1.6
MitsuTkyo	9.33	+0.06	-8.7
UBS AG	83.62	+12	-.3
US Bancrp	30.20	-.42	-3.6
Wachovia	55.21	-.42	+5.0
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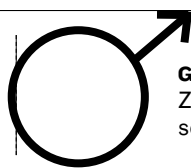
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Sports



GENDER BENDER: A track star who competed in women's events was actually a man, Zimbabwe officials said Tuesday. Samukaliso Sithole is accused of offending the dignity and sexuality of a woman who felt comfortable being naked around him, believing him to be female.

U.S. Gets Off on The Right Foot

Americans win World Cup qualifier in Trinidad

SOCCER | Fifteen years later, the United States still knows how to spoil Trinidad's party.

Eddie Johnson scored in the 30th minute, Eddie Lewis boosted the lead early in the second half and the United States beat Trinidad and Tobago 2-1 Wednesday in the opener of the final round of World Cup qualifying.

Kasey Keller, who made a 23-hour trip from Germany on Monday to get to the game, made a sliding save on Leslie Fitzpatrick on a breakaway eight minutes into the second half that denied a tying goal.

Less than three weeks ago, the Americans didn't even know if they would have their top players or would send a team of minor leaguers because of a labor dispute. But an interim settlement ensured the regulars would be on the field through 2005, and the 11th-ranked U.S. team imposed its will on Trinidad and

Tobago, ranked 61st, until tiring in the final minutes.

"It's massive," Keller said, "especially with all the drama that's gone on around the team. The guys came together and got a great victory."

The United States, which plays its next qualifier at Mexico on March 27, is 22-0-8 against North and Central American and Caribbean rivals since a September 2001 loss at Costa Rica.

Ash Wednesday usually is a beach day in this Caribbean nation, where the Carnival celebration that ends the previous night is huge. But the steel and samba drums were sounding for the Soca Warriors in the searing 90-degree heat at the Queen's Park Oval, with T&T hoping to continue the celebration and exact revenge for the November 1989 loss to the Americans that denied it a berth at the 1990 World Cup in Italy. **RONALD BLUM (AP)**



United States midfielder Pablo Mastroeni, right, heads the ball above Trinidad & Tobago's striker Dwight Yorke during the Americans' 2-1 win on Wednesday.

Fan Fare

SALARIES | BY ARIEL AGAMI

Money Talks, Sports Walk

THOUGH A RED SOX CHAMPIONSHIP last fall shocked the baseball world, the sport has returned to order because of its common off-season theme: high-priced free-agent signings.

Star center fielder **CARLOS BELTRAN** squeezed \$119 million out of the Mets because of an outstanding postseason. His talent is undeniable, but he hit only .267 during the regular season with Kansas City and Houston.

There were rumblings that seven-time Cy Young Award-winner **ROGER CLEMENS** would retire at age 42 if the Astros didn't dig deep to re-sign Beltran. Apparently a record one-year, \$18 million contract solved Clemens' worries.

The Nationals overpaid for light-hitting shortstop **CRISTIAN GUZMAN**, giving him \$16.8 million over four years. The Orioles countered by trading for **SAMMY SOSA**, even though the team needs pitchers more than sluggers.

This has been the climate in the sports world for years now. The lack of hard salary caps in baseball, basketball and hockey have led to work stoppages over the last decade.

Players must realize they will eventually price themselves out of the already overstretched market.

A strike eliminated the World Series in 1994, and it seems we will be deprived of the entire 2004-05 NHL season because of a lockout. It's sad that we can't count on sports past the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreements.

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Sports

Polish President Honors Nowak

SOCCER | After giving D.C. United coach Peter Nowak a medal, the president of Poland made a play for Freddy Adu.

Shortly after his meeting with President Bush in Washington on Wednesday, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski welcomed Nowak, Adu and other United officials to Blair House, where Nowak received the Cavalier Cross of the Order of Merit.

"You are an excellent ambassador of Poland in what you are doing," Kwasniewski said.

After an exchange of jerseys, Nowak introduced 15-year-old

prodigy Adu, who also gave the Polish president a jersey.

"I think he's going to be one of the greatest in the world," said Nowak, who was captain of Poland's national team for three years and voted the country's top player in 1996.

Kwasniewski then jokingly wondered if Adu could be recruited to play for the Polish national team.

"We cannot get him the Polish passport?" said Nowak, who then joked that the Ghanaian-born Adu could perhaps marry a Polish citizen. **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**

Jordan Moves All-Star Game From D.C. to N.Y.

BASKETBALL | Michael Jordan has left Washington — again.

The former Wizards team president and player, dismissed by owner Abe Pollin two years ago, announced on Wednesday that the Jordan Classic — a prestigious high school All-Star game — will be played in New York instead of Washington.

Meanwhile, Jordan re-iterated his interest in owning an NBA franchise. "I still have that desire



Jordan says he's still "waiting for the right scenario" to buy an NBA team.

[to purchase a team]. But I'm being patient and waiting for the right scenario," Jordan said. "When the right situation comes up, it will happen." **(EXPRESS)**

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L.A. Lakers	24	22	.522	13	4-6 16-16
L.A. Clippers	23	25	.479	15	5-5 13-20
Golden State	14	35	.286	24.5	2-8 7-23

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McNabb 'Upset' Over Sick Claims

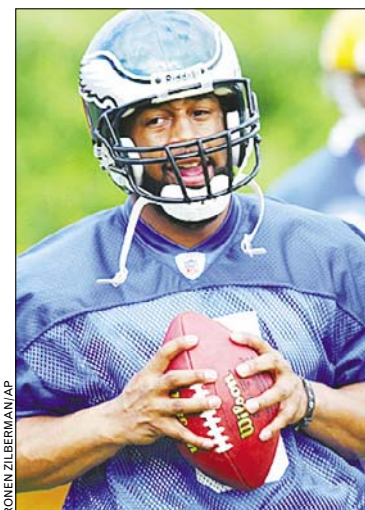
Eagles quarterback denies that he was ill during the Super Bowl

FOOTBALL | Donovan McNabb disputed claims by teammates that he was ill during the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl and needed help calling a play.

After his first practice for the Pro Bowl on Wednesday, the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback said there was nothing wrong with him during the loss to the New England Patriots apart from the expected pressure of a close Super Bowl.

"No, I wasn't sick and no, I didn't throw up," McNabb said. "If people want to use that as an excuse for why we lost, that's not the way it was, but I'll put it on my shoulders. I'll take the blame."

McNabb raised the subject two days after Eagles center Hank Fraley told a Philadelphia TV sta-



RONEN ZILBERMAN/AP

Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb practices for the Pro Bowl in Hawaii.

tion that the QB was sick late in the game last Sunday and that receiver Freddie Mitchell helped out in the huddle by calling a play.

"When I heard about it, I was kind of upset," McNabb said. (AP)



WHO KNEW? After 32 years coaching in college football, Norm Chow moved up to the pros Wednesday, agreeing to become the offensive coordinator of the Tennessee Titans. Chow, who's been praised for his work with quarterbacks like Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, both Heisman Trophy winners, was the offensive coordinator at USC the past four years. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (8 P.M. ON TNT) The L.A. Lakers visit the Detroit Pistons in a rematch of last year's NBA finals.

NBA (10:30 P.M. ON TNT) The Northwest division-leading Seattle SuperSonics host the Sacramento Kings.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) N.C. State needs to beat Wake Forest just to get on the bubble for the NCAA

tournament.

COLLEGE HOOPS (11 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 14 Gonzaga can improve to 18-4 with a win over Pepperdine.

WOMEN'S HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) No. 5 Tennessee visits top-ranked LSU in a battle of SEC powers.

GOLF (3 P.M. ON USA) First-round action of the Pebble Beach National Pro-AM.

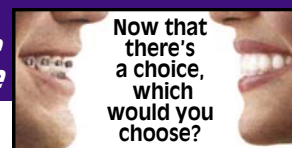
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Sports

BASEBALL | 50 YEARS LATER



DODGERTOWN: David Simon, left, smiles after getting a hit at the L.A. Dodgers fantasy camp, as first base coach Carl Erskine, right, instructs him Wednesday. Erskine is one of five members of the 1955 World Series champion Brooklyn Dodgers in Vero Beach, Fla., for the camp.

Olajuwon Mosque Tied To Two Terrorist Groups

WASHINGTON | A mosque established and funded by basketball star Hakeem Olajuwon gave more than \$80,000 to charities the government later determined to be fronts for the terror groups al Qaeda and Hamas, according to financial records obtained by The Associated Press.

Olajuwon told the AP he had not known of any links to terrorism when the donations were made, prior to the government's crackdown on the groups, and would not have given the money if he had known.

Federal law enforcement offi-

cials said they were not investigating Olajuwon, a 7-foot center who played 17 seasons for the NBA's Houston Rockets before retiring in 2002. He was the 1994 MVP and led Houston to consecutive titles.

The Olajuwon-founded Islamic Da'Wah Center gave more than \$60,000 in 2000 and \$20,000 in 2002 to the Islamic African Relief Agency, the center's tax records show.

The government shut down the relief agency in October, saying it gave money and other support to Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda.

Bode Miller May Start New Tour

SKIING | World ski champion Bode Miller said he may quit the U.S. team after the 2006 Winter Olympics to start his own squad or establish a rival professional circuit, according to a weekly diary he publishes in several newspapers around the world.

In the column, Miller says Alpine

skiers are paid poorly and has considered several options.

"A lot of people are wondering if I'm going to retire after the 2006 Olympics, which is a possibility," Miller wrote in the Wednesday page of his diary from the Alpine Skiing World Championships. "One possibility is to take a year off after the Olympics. Another alternative I've thought a little about is phasing myself out of the U.S. Ski Team and starting my own team." (AP)

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Entertainment

NEW REAGAN ERA: His father was called "The Great Communicator," now viewers get to see how Ron Reagan fares. Reagan will

co-host "Connected: Coast to Coast," a new political talk show on MSNBC, Reuters reported. The show premieres next Tuesday.



They've Got Character

Actors in bit parts strike a longlasting chord with audiences

TELEVISION | Eric Szmanda is in the midst of his fifth season on CBS's crime procedural "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," in which he plays quippy lab technician Greg Sanders. Though Szmanda's character was initially seen as the go-to guy for levity on an otherwise somber series, Greg has developed into a well-rounded character.

Things have been especially juicy this year for Greg — he's finally getting out in the field to investigate crime scenes. Szmanda relishes this new opportunity. "Since the very beginning of this season, I knew that things were going to be different. I just didn't know how different," he said.

The ways in which actors are initially cast in these roles vary, but one common theme is clear: In every case, it's such a perfect fit of actor and part that it's no wonder it resonates with audiences enough to develop into something more.

Sean Gunn, who plays Kirk on The WB's "Gilmore Girls," initial-



ly impressed producers with a bit part as a DSL installer. He never dreamed he'd would become a series regular ... until he kept getting asked back.

"It all happened really slowly," said Gunn. And now it's tough to imagine Stars Hollow without the wonderfully neurotic Kirk, who has held nearly every job in town, from mailman to soda jerk to T-



PART OF THE FAMILY: Actors like Eric Szmanda of "CSI" and Neil Flynn of "Scrubs," here with Zach Braff, landed part-time roles in prime-time shows, but became series regulars after viewers learned to love their alter-egos' quirky personalities.

shirt salesman.

Like Gunn, many of the actors who play these roles make an indelible impression on producers or the casting department. Neil Flynn, who plays the Janitor on NBC's surreal "Scrubs," caught the show creator's eye when he auditioned for the role of Dr. Cox, which went to John C. McGinley.

Flynn was asked to read instead

for another part: "We read the part of the Janitor, which was only, I think, three lines, four lines in one scene in the pilot. He said, 'That's great, would you do that part?'"

Flynn's hilariously cantankerous character was made a regular in the show's second season, and now he's an integral piece of "Scrubs" comedic puzzle.

SARAH KUHN (BACK STAGE WEST)

Inequity Alleged at 'Apprentice'

TELEVISION | A quadriplegic lawyer has sued producers of NBC's "The Apprentice," saying the tryouts for the popular reality show discriminate by requiring that would-be contestants be in excellent physical health.

In his federal lawsuit filed here last week, James Schottel Jr. wants a preliminary injunction to force producers to drop requirements that exclude him and "others similarly situated" from being considered for the show.

The St. Louis attorney, who has applied to try out for the show when auditions are to be staged here Friday, seeks no monetary damages. He said the suit is meant only to correct a perceived Americans with Disabilities Act violation.

A spokeswoman for the Trump Organization directed questions to Mark Burnett Productions, which did not return messages.

A spokesman for NBC, which was not named in the lawsuit, said several applicants in wheelchairs were interviewed last week in New York. (AP)



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HE'S WITH THE FORCE: Chris Noth is back on the Law & Order beat. Noth, who left NBC's long-running crime franchise 10 years ago, is reprising his role as Detective Mike Logan. This time, he'll share duties with Vincent D'Onofrio on the spinoff "Law & Order: Criminal Intent."



Television

ON TV TONIGHT

TRUMP'S TAG TEAM

THE APPRENTICE (9 p.m., NBC) This show doesn't stop with the innovating. Tonight, both teams are called into the boardroom. This is also the last day to apply to be on the next "Apprentice," so hem those skirts and stock up on hair gel, applicants.

A HAPPY HOMECOMING

EXTREME MAKEOVER (8 p.m., ABC) It's just some drywall and paint, but it's a gift Ray Krone couldn't have dreamed of during the years he waited, wrongly accused, on death row. The "EM" team tries to give Krone his life back, or at least a decent house to live in.

DON'T THEY ALWAYS?

POINT PLEASANT (9 p.m., Fox) A charity dance event devolves into pure evil.



LET IT RAIN: Soggy weather adds dramatic flair for a very special "O.C."

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THE O.C. (8 p.m., Fox) Speaking of, tonight's the night for Marissa, Alex and millions of slaving viewers. Bonus sexy weather: rain! (EXPRESS)

No Saving 'Grace'?

Depressing cameos hasten the decline of venerable NBC show

CPR | I don't believe in miracles, but I think one popped up a couple of weeks back. I actually found myself laughing at an episode of "Will & Grace" (8:30 p.m., NBC). I forget the plot. All I can recall is that there wasn't a cameo appearance in sight. Perhaps that was the miracle.

It's a testament to the early appeal of the series, or to the fidelity of its fans, that "Will & Grace" has survived so long. No other comedy could endure so many "jump



CALL A DOCTOR: Cameos from actors like Ed Burns are hurting "Will & Grace."

the shark" moments. Remember the arrival of Jack's long-lost (and now forgotten) teenage son? How about the "let's have a test-tube baby" season? Or the belabored Leo (Harry Connick Jr.) story arc that went on for years?

These painful memories have now given way to cameo fever. "Will & Grace" resembles nothing more than an open casting call for "Hollywood Squares." Perhaps celebrities minor and major should just open doors in a wall and shout one-liners like they once did on "Laugh-In."

Tonight's Valentine's Day special must accommodate four (count 'em) walk-ons. Look for Jeff Goldblum, Ed Burns, Chita Rivera and Michelle Lee. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

2.10.05	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30								
WRC 4	News	News	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Joey (N) (N)	Will & Grace (N)	The Apprentice "Soap Dopes" (N) (N)	(9:59) ER "Shortness of Breath" (N)	News	Friends	Seinfeld (N)	Tonight Show								
WTTG 5	The Simpsons (N)	The Simpsons (N)	Friends (N) (N)	Seinfeld (N) (N)	The O.C. "The Lonely Hearts Club"	Point Pleasant "Last Dance" (N) (N)	Without a Trace (N) (N)	PrimeTime Live (N) (N)	News	Friends	Seinfeld (N) (N)	(3:35) Nightline								
WJLA 7	News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Extreme Makeover Seven people get the makeovers of their dreams. (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	News	Friends	Seinfeld (N) (N)	Late Show								
WUSA 9	News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	WWE SmackDown! (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	News	Friends	Seinfeld (N) (N)	Dharma & Greg								
WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	WWE SmackDown! (N) (N)	Ask This Old	MotorWeek (N) (N)	Secrets of the Dead "Tomb of Christ"	American Experience: Emmett Till	For Gold and Glory (N) (N)	Charlie Rose (N) (N)	Blind Date (N) (N)								
WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Ask This Old	MotorWeek (N) (N)	Secrets of the Dead "Tomb of Christ"	American Experience: Emmett Till	For Gold and Glory (N) (N)	Charlie Rose (N) (N)	Blind Date (N) (N)	Blind Date (N) (N)								
WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Conn.	Ask This Old	MotorWeek (N) (N)	Secrets of the Dead "Tomb of Christ"	American Experience: Emmett Till	For Gold and Glory (N) (N)	Charlie Rose (N) (N)	Blind Date (N) (N)	Blind Date (N) (N)								
WHUT 32	Brothermen (N) (N)	Business Rpt.	BBC World News	MoneyWise (N)	On Africa	David Attenborough Specials	Empty Oceans, Empty Nets (N) (N)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (N) (N)	Will & Grace (N) (N)	Just Shoot Me (N) (N)	Will & Grace (N) (N)								
WBDC 30	The Parkers (N)	Steve Harvey	The Parkers (N)	Steve Harvey	★★ "Sugar & Spice" (2001, Comedy) Marley Shelton, James Marsden. (N)	Will & Grace (N) (N)	Just Shoot Me (N) (N)	Will & Grace (N) (N)	Just Shoot Me (N) (N)	Will & Grace (N) (N)	Just Shoot Me (N) (N)	Will & Grace (N) (N)								
A&E	City Confidential	American Justice: Confession	Cold Case Files A man stands trial for a murder committed at age 15. (N)	The First 48 (N)	Crossing Jordan "Blue Christmas" (N)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)	Pet Star Playground dog musical bird. (N)	Miami Animal Police "Left to Die" (N)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)	BET Nightly News	BET Style	The West Wing (N) (N)								
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	The Most Extreme Deadly jelly. (N)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)	Pet Star Playground dog musical bird. (N)	Miami Animal Police "Left to Die" (N)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)	Pet Star Playground dog musical bird. (N)	Miami Animal Police "Left to Die" (N)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)	BET Nightly News	BET Style	The West Wing (N) (N)								
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Grammy Nom.	The Parkers (N) (N)	Girlfriends (N) (N)	Soul Food (N) (N)	Celebrity Poker Showdown (N) (N)	Club Comic View (N) (N)	The West Wing (N) (N)	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show								
Bravo	(3:30) ★★★ "Patton" (1970)	The West Wing (N) (N)	Queen Eye for the Straight Girl (N) (N)	Celebrity Poker Showdown (N) (N)	Club Comic View (N) (N)	The West Wing (N) (N)	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show								
Comedy	Crank Yankers	Reno 911! (N) (N)	Daily Show	Distraction (N) (N)	Mad TV (N) (N)	Com.-Present's	Crank Yankers	South Park (N) (N)	Drawn Together	Shorties Watchin'	Daily Show	Daily Show								
Court	NYPD Blue "Mom's Away" (N) (N)	Cops (N) (N)	Cops (N) (N)	The Investigators "Cliffhanger"	Forensic Files (N) (N)	Body of Evidence	The Investigators "Double-Cross" (N) (N)	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice	Monster Nation	A Face Restored (N) (N)	Howard Stern								
Discovery	Monster Garage "Switchblade" (N) (N)	American Chopper "Black Widow 2"	Monster Nation (N) (N)	The Hope Diamond (N) (N)	American Casino (N) (N)	Dangerous Deception	A Face Restored (N) (N)	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern								
DISCH	Chicago Hope (N) (N)	Trauma: Life in the ER (N) (N)	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★★ "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" (1993) Robert Hays.	Sister, Sister (N) (N)	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven								
Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister (N) (N)	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★★ "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" (1993) Robert Hays.	Sister, Sister (N) (N)	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven								
E!	Rock Star Kids: True Hollywood Story	El News (N) (N)	Style Star	Britney Spears Singer Britney Spears.	Saturday Night Live (N) (N)	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern								
FX	Fear Factor "Couple" (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)	King of the Hill (N) (N)								
HGTV	Wind Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	★★ "Lucky 7" (2003) Kimberly Williams-Paisley, Patrick Dempsey. (N)	Whose Line? (N) (N)	Whose Line? (N) (N)	The 700 Club (N) (N)	Painted House (N) (N)	Painted House (N) (N)	Painted House (N) (N)	Painted House (N) (N)								
Family	7th Heaven "Hot Pants" (N) (N)	Smallville "Dichotic" (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)								
History	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)	Modern Marvels (N) (N)								
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls								
MTV	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World								
NICK	U-Pick (N) (N)	Rugrats (N) (N)	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	Romeo! (N) (N)	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne	Murphy Brown (N) (N)								
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "The Other Guys" (N) (N)	★★ "The Beast" (1996, Horror) William Petersen, Karen Sillas, Larry Drake. A sea creature plunges a coastal community into terror. (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) (N)								
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos (N) (N)	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Extreme Machines	Rides: Biggest Spenders	Overhaulin' Lance Armstrong's GTO.	Extreme Machines	Rides: Biggest Spenders	Overhaulin' Lance Armstrong's GTO.	Extreme Machines	Rides: Biggest Spenders	Overhaulin' Lance Armstrong's GTO.								
TBS	Seinfeld (N) (N)	Seinfeld (N) (N)	In a Fix (N) (N)	Law & Order "Coma" (N) (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Detroit Pistons. (Live) (N)	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Seattle Sonics.	Law & Order "Coma" (N) (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Detroit Pistons. (Live) (N)	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Seattle Sonics.	Law & Order "Coma" (N) (N)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Detroit Pistons. (Live) (N)	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Seattle Sonics.								
TLC	Clean Sweep	Law & Order "Coma" (N) (N)	Medical Investigation "Mousetrap"	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)								
TNT	Charmed "Centennial Charmed" (N) (N)	Law & Order "Coma" (N) (N)	Medical Investigation "Mousetrap"	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)								
USA	JAG (N) (N)	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)								
VH1	40 Awesomely Bad No. 1 Songs (N) (N)	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)	Celebrity-Thin	ET on VH1 (N) (N)								
TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemundo	Anita No Te Rajes	La Mujer en el Espejo	Gitana	Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer	Noticiero Tel.	Laura	Noticiero Tel.	Laura	Noticiero Tel.	Laura								
UNIV	Viviana	Noticiero Univ	La Mujer de Madera	Rubi	Amor Real	Aquí y Ahora	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.								
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	College Basketball North Carolina State at Wake Forest. (Live) (N)	Tilt (N) (N)	Tilt (N) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	College Basketball	Washington at Oregon. (Live) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	College Basketball	Washington at Oregon. (Live) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	College Basketball								
ESPN2	Billiards: Final	NFL Live (N) (N)	Women's College Basketball Tennessee at LSU. (Live) (N)	College Basketball Xavier at Cincinnati. (Live) (N)	College Basketball	Washington at Oregon. (Live) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	College Basketball	Washington at Oregon. (Live) (N)	SportsCenter (Live) (N)	College Basketball	Washington at Oregon. (Live) (N)								
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CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	On the Record-Van Susteren	Scarborough Country	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball								
FNC	Special Report (Live) (N)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MSNBC Reports	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	On the Record-Van Susteren	Scarborough Country	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball								
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STARZ!	(5:20) ★★★ "Freaky Friday" (2003)	On the Set	(20) ★★ "The Lizzie McGuire Movie" (2003) Hilary Duff.	★★★ "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner. 'PG-13' (N)	(4:5) ★★ "Starship Troopers 2: Hero of the Federation" (N)	(4:5) ★★ "The Recruit" (2003, Suspense) Al Pacino. 'PG-13' (N)	(4:5) Undisputed													
ENCORE	(5:15) ★★★ "My Girl" (1991) 'PG'	The Directors Films by Nora Ephron.	★★★ "Finding Nemo" (2003) Voice of Albert Brooks.	(4:5) ★★ "The Recruit" (2003, Suspense) Al Pacino. 'PG-13' (N)	(4:5) Undisputed															

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Gem-sellers explain the basics to buying a high-quality stone

All diamonds start out as colorless crystallized carbon. What's done to make them bright, brilliant, desirable and valuable, though, is as varied as the people who wear them.

Even the giant gems that end up at a tony jeweler such as Harry Winston have subtle differences: Some are "emerald-cut," others are "cushion-cut." And don't forget about the round-cut diamond, which was the standard engagement ring.

There also pear-shaped diamonds, hearts, baguettes and marquises. The name of the diamond describes its shape, explained Mary Ann Mognaz, a sales executive at Harry Winston.

A cushion-cut diamond has the appearance of a pillow; a round-brilliant is, well, round and brilliant. "Cushion cuts are popular with the younger set. It's an old

Diamonds for Dummies



ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK: A fine cut gem fits even a Harry Winston watch.

cut that's been revived. It has the brilliance of a the round diamond but has a little something extra," said Carol Brodie, Winston's global director of communications.

Larger diamonds, those 4 to 50 carats, are ideal for an emerald cut, which creates a depth illusion much like a swimming pool, Brodie added. It's a square or rectangle shape, and looks as if there is a square within a square.

The marquise is long and narrow with points at the two vertical ends, and is probably the closest to the diamond shape taught in junior high geometry. The marquise is back in

style because of its flattering shape that gives length to the hand and fingers, Mognaz said. Asscher-cut diamonds, with their high and deep crowns, are enjoying a resurgence, as are pear-shaped gems. An oval diamond is the newest of the classic shapes but also the least common.

There are the "four Cs" that shoppers should keep in mind when sizing up diamonds: color, cut, clarity and carat. "I can't emphasize cut enough," Mognaz said.

Faceting is everything, Brodie agreed. "A diamond is just a rock. A genius cutter can see the beauty in that rock. It's the ultimate extreme

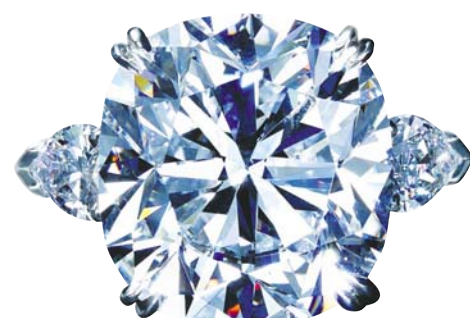
makeover." The cutting or faceting is what gives the stone its fire and light. "When a diamond is cut to perfect proportions — neither too deep nor too shallow — light will reflect inside the stone from one mirror-like facet to another and disperse through the top of the stone, making it seem to glow from within," according to the Harry Winston diamond guide.

Setting is important, noted Mognaz, because too much metal covers up the stone and limits its light. Both Mognaz and Brodie encourage diamond shoppers to seek out reputable jewelers and make sure they get a certificate from the Gemological Institute of America.

Shoppers should educate themselves on how to read the certificate, they added. For example, a diamond rated FL is considered flawless and the most valuable. An IF diamond is internally flawless, which means it has no "clouds" or "feathers" inside the stone; a VVS diamond has very few flaws; a VS has slightly more.

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CUTTING UP: Round-cut diamonds (left) are fine engagement rings, while cushion-cuts look like pillows.



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Dating

'Boomer's Guide'

LAURIE HELGOE, author of "Boomer's Guide to Dating (Again)," was online Wednesday to discuss relationships and desire | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What's your opinion of Internet dating sites? Which have the best reputation for boomers getting back into the dating scene?

I think that the Internet is becoming more of a standard for boomer daters. There are so many sites, I can't do justice to your question about recommendations, but I have friends who have had good luck with match.com, and eHarmony seems to be good for people who are very serious about finding a partner (some have found this limiting; one friend found a soul mate).

I was in a long-term relationship and thought he was the one, but last month he said he needs time apart — at least a semester, maybe even a year. I've been on a few dates but I find myself dreading the point where I have to tell a new person about the sort-of ex. How do you tell someone about this? Does it mean I'm not ready to date?

You are in a situation where your "sort-of ex" is calling the shots. What are your feelings about the "semester break"? What are the terms of the break, and are you happy with

them? I would use this time apart to evaluate what you want. As hard as it is, I would advise letting go of outcome and seeing the break as a time for you to see what's out there. You put yourself in a much better position if you focus on what you are looking for.

Is 30 really the kiss of death for a woman? I turned 30 last year and decided to go back on match.com. Unlike the past, now I am getting practically no responses. I am not going to lie about my age — just curious if men automatically dismiss a 30-year-old woman as marriage- and baby-hungry.

I think 30 is just the beginning! Check out More magazine and look at all the incredible women over 40. I have talked to many men who are drawn to women past 30 because they find them more confident and less neurotic! I also have seen my fair share of baby-hungry men.

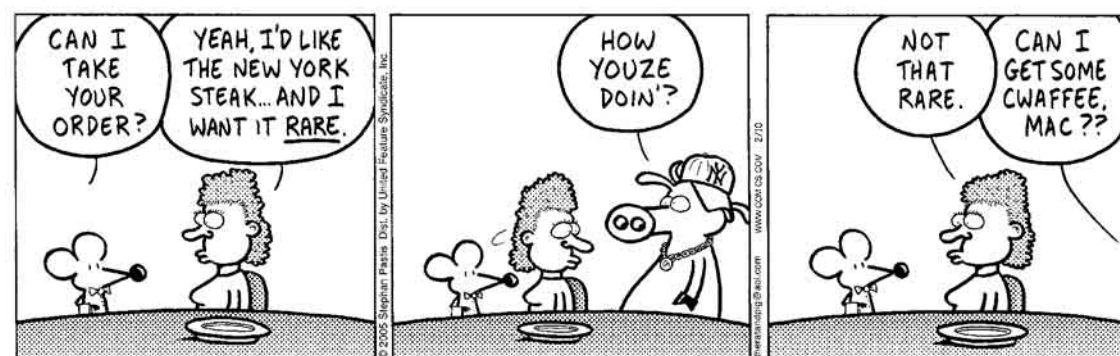
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11 A.M.: D.C. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey discusses crime, the use of red light and photo radar cameras, and other issues.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

An Offer Much Appreciated

EARLIER THIS WEEK, a kind Metro rider insisted I take his seat on one of the "16" Pike Ride buses from Pentagon City. There were actually some seats in the back and

I just elected to stand instead of climbing my way to the back. Many Metro riders just sit back and enjoy the ride and are too often involved in our reading material to look up and see who needs a seat. But being nice can be a wonderful two-way experience — and we could all use a gentle reminder to look around us and share in the kindness. Thanks

to the kind Metro rider.

—ANITA WABEKE
Arlington, Va.

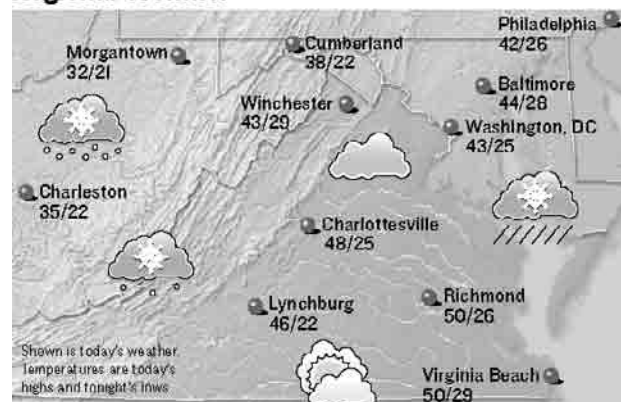
Correction:

In Wednesday's edition, a story about a James Dean memorial incorrectly stated that it marked the anniversary of his death. It actually marked his birthday, which was Feb. 8.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Windy, a shower early, flurry later	Blustery, much colder	Partly sunny, windy, chilly	Mostly sunny, less wind	Partly sunny, milder	Cloudy, rain possible
43°	25°	43° / 29°	46° / 32°	51° / 35°	53° / 37°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	60°
Low	41°
Normal high	45°
Normal low	29°
Average humidity	59%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.82"
Year to date	3.35"
Last year to date	3.55"
Normal year to date	4.03"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see:
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Regional Forecast

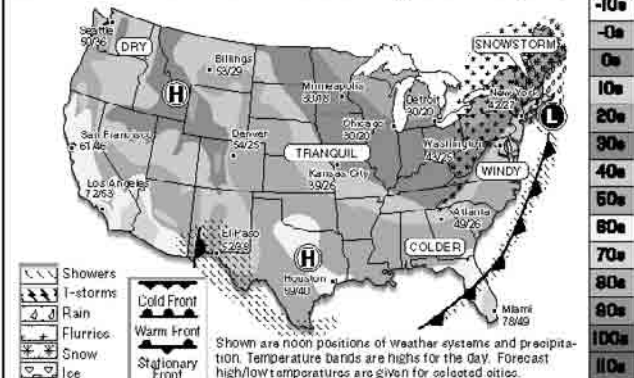
D.C. Metro: Today, windy, turning colder, variably cloudy, a morning rain shower, then a flurry later. High 43. Wind northwest 20-40 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:40 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:24 a.m.
Moonset today	7:57 p.m.



National Weather for Thursday, February 10



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	49/26/pc	52/35/s
Boston	35/24/r	32/20/sf
Chicago	30/20/pc	38/24/pc
Dallas	60/38/pc	58/41/c
Denver	54/25/s	54/28/c
Honolulu	82/67/s	79/66/sh
Los Angeles	72/53/c	66/53/r
Miami	78/49/sh	67/44/s
New York City	42/27/r	37/28/pc
Orlando	68/38/sh	62/40/s
Seattle	50/36/pc	53/40/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	48/43/r	46/46/r
Athens	46/36/c	46/38/pc
Berlin	38/31/sn	36/28/pc
Buenos Aires	77/63/sh	77/63/c
Calgary	40/26/pc	43/25/s
Dublin	46/41/c	55/51/r
Geneva	41/38/c	41/41/c
Moscow	28/18/pc	25/10/c
Rome	48/30/s	50/42/pc
Sydney	75/57/pc	79/61/pc
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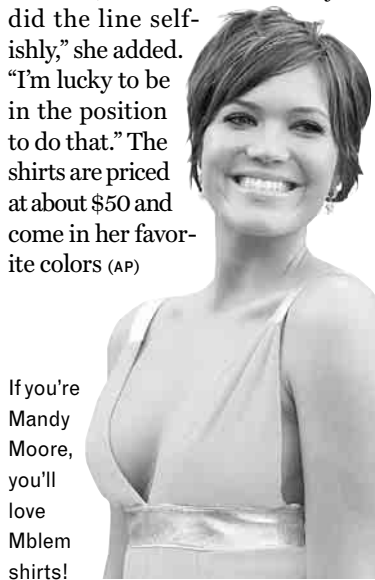
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People

BUSINESS PLANS

These Look So Great on Me! Buy Them or Don't. Whatever.

MANDY MOORE said she created her own line of T-shirts, Mblem, so she could have an unlimited supply of shirts in her size and colors. "I'm a tall girl, so I'm always searching for the perfect jeans and T-shirt. ... I find that a lot of the popular T-shirts are too short," Moore said. "I kind of just did the line selfishly," she added. "I'm lucky to be in the position to do that." The shirts are priced at about \$50 and come in her favorite colors (AP)



KIMBERLY WHITE/REUTERS

If you're Mandy Moore, you'll love Mblem shirts!



REUTERS

EPHEMERAL MILESTONES

50 Years Later, This Won't Matter

NICOLE RICHIE is engaged to her boyfriend of one year, disc jockey **ADAM GOLDSTEIN**, her publicist, Cindy Guagenti, announced Tuesday. It will be the first marriage for 23-year-old Richie and Goldstein, whose professional name is DJ AM. A wedding date wasn't announced. (AP)

BRANDS

'Like Me, It Will Be Sold As Sexy Even Though It's Not'

SARAH JESSICA PARKER has signed a deal with Coty Inc. to develop a line of fragrances, the company announced Tuesday. The brand name and scent are still works in progress, but Parker said the first perfume will be "fresh." "It'll be intentionally quiet, not a very aggressive scent," Parker said. "It's not a scent you'll smell before a person walks in a room. I don't want it to not have social skills!" She added: "Fragrance is a necessity on days you don't have time to shower." (AP)



TINA FINEBERG/AP

SJP's fans don't want to smell like her. They want her to get a damn acting job.



It's a total mystery: A beautiful, straight actress in her early 40s ... who's single?

PUZZLES

Not Married and Not Gay ... Is She Perhaps Deformed?

MARCIA CROSS, aka Bree on "Desperate Housewives," said she wasn't a lesbian after "The View" co-host Barbara Walters questioned her Wednesday on rumors regarding her sexuality. "I'm not [a lesbian]," said Cross, whose publicist had denied the rumor earlier in the week. "I just assumed this is what comes of being 42 and single. I don't know if they just needed to find a reason why I wasn't married," she said. "I do think it was really weird," she added, "and I thought, what a world we live in, that that's so important." (AP)

GRIEVANCES

Also, the Food Is So Greasy

The **BEASTIE BOYS** have joined the campaign by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals over Kentucky Fried Chicken's alleged use of mistreated chickens, the animal rights group announced Wednesday. In an open letter to KFC Chief Executive Officer David



TAMMIE ARROYO/AP

Even the Beasties are but a gnat on the hide of the mutant rhino that is KFC.

Novak, the Beastie Boys called for a halt to the fast-food chain's use of suppliers that break birds' beaks or use growth-inducing drugs. "You have a responsibility to tell your suppliers that what they are doing is wrong," the band writes. "By doing nothing, you are to blame for the cruelty that these chickens endure, which is truly sickening." (AP)

NICE GUY STANDINGS

Martin Up Two Points, Hanks Holds Steady at Eight

STEVE MARTIN has donated \$1 million to the American art collection at The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, Calif. Three-fourths of the gift, which will be made over five years, will be used to put on

American art exhibitions, and the remaining \$250,000 will likely



be used for acquisitions or exhibitions. Martin is a serious art collector who owns works by Roy Lichtenstein, Pablo Picasso, Edward Hopper and Georges Seurat. (AP)

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On Feb. 10, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War; also, in 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

Flash! | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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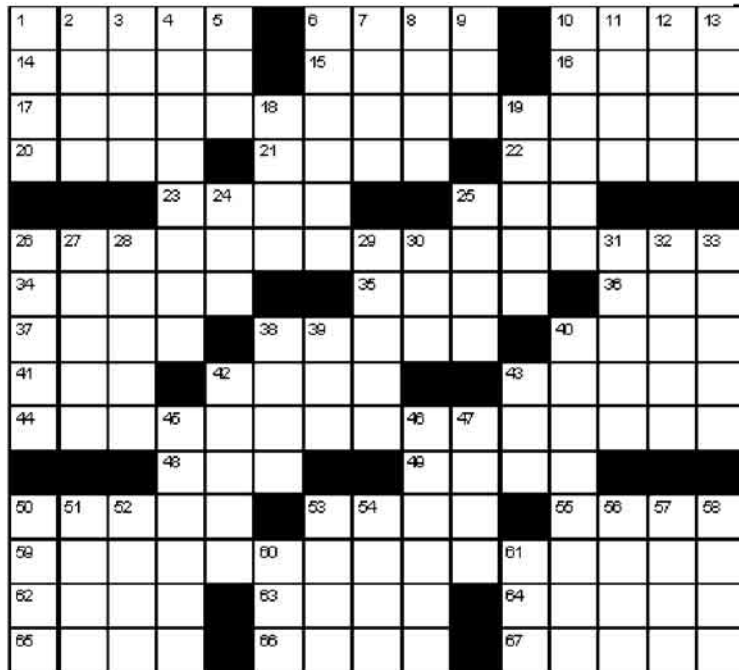
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll be recognized for your ability to change course on the spot and to improvise your way out of tricky, potentially hazardous situations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Career pressures cannot be avoided, but you can put them aside and focus on the more pleasant aspects of your life. Make time for others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Money matters are not to be overlooked, even though any

financial juggling you've planned may not be able to be concluded.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll enjoy unforeseen rewards as a result of a recent chance encounter and the decisions it forced upon you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't wait for others to show you the way. Take the lead and be willing to weather any hazards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be consumed with thoughts of another time or place. There is a time for nostalgia — and it can serve you well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The completion of a personal cycle is at hand, but there are one or two loose ends you must tie up before you move on to something else.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Preparations will serve you well during the coming

week — though right now it may be difficult to see just exactly how. Have faith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll be in the midst of something unusual and perhaps even threatening before you know it. Trust your instincts to get you in the clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll find yourself playing the role of leader, even though you may not be in the position to call the shots in an official capacity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Questions about a career move may not be answered with ease — but you'll be able to illuminate key choices.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This is a good day to pursue your heart's desire with a little more dedication and gusto. A bold, more vulnerable approach may surprise you.

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[on the]spot*

***NAME:** James "Pookie" Hudson
GIG: Leader of doo-wop's Spaniels

MOST FOLKS KNOW THE TUNE, but not enough know the man. Thornton James "Pookie" Hudson has led doo-wop legends the Spaniels for over a half century and co-wrote their 1954 classic "Goodnight, Sweetheart, Goodnight." The ditty that famously ends an has evening inspired endless high-profile covers — from the McGuire Sisters to retro greasers Sha Na Na. Now a Marylander, the 70-year-old Hudson has a rich history to reflect upon, from a host of hits to a homeless stint in New York City. In anticipation of his Birchmere gig on Sunday, he spoke to Express about his renowned tune, crooners he's influenced and his toughest battle yet.

How do you feel about other acts singing "Goodnight, Sweetheart"?
 As long as they're paying, I have great feelings about that.

What singers have you been an inspiration to?

Quite a few. Jerry ["The Iceman"] Butler, Aaron Neville, Duke of Earl [Gene Chandler].

Do you ever worry about becoming homeless again?

I try not to look at the past, I try to keep my eyes straight ahead.

Was there a time when you thought you wouldn't be able to do this anymore?

When disco came in, when the British groups invaded. I thought it was all over. Then white people started doing this oldies thing; saving records, making things expensive. I have to say the white people took to it more. They are the saviors of it at this particular moment.

You were recently diagnosed with cancer in your chest. How has it affected you?

It's called thymus cancer. I was in



DUDLEY W. BROOKS

the hospital for 16 days in November. They took about 30 pounds of fluid [out of me]. It doesn't affect the voice, just the body. It had me weak for a while. I'm quite sure I

can do what I need to do.

Did you ever consider canceling?
 I'm not going to let this beat me like that. If I do that, I feel like I'm giv-

"I'm not going to let this beat me like that. If I do that, I feel like I'm giving up. I'm not going to give up."

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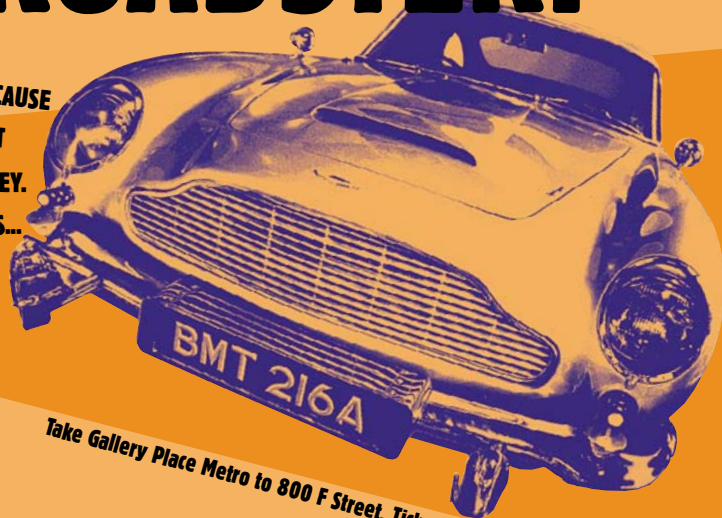
What will your legacy be?

I was able to entertain and make people happy, make a change in people's lives. I'll be quite happy. You sure don't get rich doing this. You do it for the love. CRAIG SMITH

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The Year of the Rooster dawns with a spectacular parade

OUT & ABOUT | The Chinese way of celebrating the New Year should sound familiar: People dance in the streets, get into fights and shoot off firecrackers.

The difference is that the dancers are dressed as lions and dragons, the fights are skillful demonstrations of martial arts and the firecrackers are of a slightly bigger scale — like, five stories. It's the Year of the Rooster, 4702, and Chinatown will be ringing it in with its annual parade on H Street NW, between 6th and 7th streets.

The festivities are sponsored by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. Dances include the popular lion and dragon dances, meant to ward off evil.

A main (mane?) attraction will be the Wong Chinese Lion Dancers, who have performed the Lion Dance



FLAGS, SET, GO: Large crowds brave the cold and enjoy the spectacle in honor of Chinese New Year, marked by an annual parade and some huge fireworks.

at prior Lunar New Year celebrations in the District.

Roosters are thought to be thoughtful, hard-working and confident, by Chinese legend. And they like the spotlight, so expect roosters on the march.

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Saturday and Sunday will be the last chance to shop while spotting lion costumes, martial arts displays, folk dances and arts and crafts that honor the Year of the Rooster. The closing ceremony for the Lakeforest celebration, which includes drama, a lion dance and an award drawing, starts at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Lakeforest Mall, 701 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg; Sat.-Sun., Feb. 12-13, noon-5 p.m.; free; 301-251-6263.

FOCUS ON KOREA | LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION:

Korean Focus and the Korean American Youth Association will ring in the Year of the Rooster with a hanbok exchange, dancing, crafts for the kiddies, storytelling, drumming, calligraphy, paper folding, cooking, bowing and Korean wedding ceremonies, a Tae Kwon Do demonstration and a prize drawing.

Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington, 1219 Swinks Mill Road, McLean; Sat., Feb. 12, 1:30-5 p.m.; \$5 per person, \$15 per family; www.koreanfocus.org.

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This Freer exhibit examines the role of boats in later Chinese painting history and presents 28 exquisite works of Chinese painting and calligraphy from the 12th to the 20th centuries. The pieces include works depicting well-known scenes from Chinese literature, but also the daily lives of scholars and fishermen. (ERIN O'CONNOR)

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→ **MOTLEY CRUE**; MCI Center, March 6, \$48-\$78.

→ **DURAN DURAN**; Patriot Center, April 8, \$42.50-\$85.

→ **DAVID COPPERFIELD**, Warner Theatre, April 29 & 30, tickets go on sale Friday at noon.

→ **DAVID SEDARIS**, Lisner Auditorium, April 8, \$30-\$35.

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PRETTY IS AS PRETTY SINGS: Army of Me frontman Vince Scheuerman, third from left, protests his good looks too much.

Young Guns and Wise Old Birds

Rock vets the Wrens share the stage with newbies Army of Me

MUSIC | The trouble with this whole rock-'n'-roll-as-youth-culture thing is that by the time most bands have anything to write about, they've

been defunct for 10 years.

Thank God for the Wrens —and the legitimate disappointments of middle age. More than 15 years since they started, the New Jersey quartet still hasn't struck it rich, but they've made better records than most folks who have. Friday they play the Black Cat with Army

of Me and the Upwelling.

Back in '96, it looked like everything was going the Wrens' way. Their second album, "Secaucus," was pricking up ears. Their record company was snapped up by an investor who wanted to make them huge.

But when they balked at the

terms of a new contract, the Wrens were banished. The usual record-industry roundelay ensued. They retreated to the house they shared in the Jersey suburbs and made their next album on their own terms: one month laying tracks, four years working them over.

Appearing after a seven-year gap, "The Meadowlands" wraps power-pop songcraft in dense indie-rock textures. Shining vocal harmonies cut the murk, but words — about making it with the wrong girl, about not making it with the right band — are buried.

It isn't an ingratiating record, but, once you've taken the time to decipher it, it's an unnervingly powerful one. Written with care and played hard, its 13 songs turn the failure of hopes that were probably too big in the first place into an improbable kind of success.

D.C.-based pop-rock four-some Army of Me can't help it —they aren't old yet. With his blond locks, honey-toned vox, and cute army jacket, frontman Vince Scheuerman won't easily be shaking accusations of ideldom. And despite protestations that "pretty's just fake ugly," when he wraps his pipes around a ballad, such as the bittersweet "Saved Your Life, he can't help looking his best.

According to one of those little blurbs you get on Google, opener "the Upwelling is a New York City-based rock trio influenced by Pink Floyd, The Police, Depeche Mode and Spiritualized" that somehow ends up sounding more like Switchfoot. Plan accordingly.

GLENN DIXON

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., Feb. 11, 9:30 p.m., \$10; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)

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Strings of the Heart: Bill Frisell and Friends

Baltimore's best-known guitarist and a true national treasure, night's Bill Frisell plays at the Library of Congress in an eclectic show with violinists Jenny Sheiman and Eyvind Kang, violist Ava King and cellist Hank Roberts. Expect to hear, country, jazz, rock and classical music.

Library of Congress, 10 Independence Ave. SE; Fri., Feb. 11, 8 p.m., free with ticket; 800-551-7328.



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Learning in Action: Maasai Dance Display

Kids can shake their tireless thangs and learn about another culture when the Friends of Sironka African Dance Troupe performs "Song of our People—Maasai!"

Baird Auditorium, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue; Thu., Feb. 10, 10 & 11:30 a.m., \$4-\$5; 202-357-1500.

One Note, One World: Yanni

Slight, Jesus-haired Greek New Ager Yanni isn't about to go down with the sunken ship of the '80s. The soporific (or relaxing) pianist brings his interminable (or expansive), tune-free (or boldly un-pop) compositions to MCI Center. And with any luck, Linda Evans will be somewhere nearby, cheering her protégé on.

MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Sun., Feb. 13, 8 p.m., \$49.50-\$85; 800-551-7328. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)

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ONGOING: Baltimore's Walters Art Museum has a couple of neat exhibits — "History of the Bible" and "Carved for Immortality." ... Don't miss the watery shenanigans from the folk and outsider artists at Baltimore's American Museum of Visionary Art with "H2O: Fluid Universe."

THURSDAY: B-More's Landmark Theatre hosts "Sisters in the Spirit," featuring Yolanda Adams, Sheila E, Kelly Price and others singing their gospel-tinged hearts out. **FRIDAY:**



COURTESY AVAN

Herman's Hermits and Peter Noone are Brit-popping at Rams Head Tavern in Annapolis. ...

Stars of the Moscow Circus bring leaping, bounding, balancing, dare-deviling Russians — but no animals — to the National Guard Armory in Dundalk tonight and Saturday. ... Guitarist extraordinaire Pat McGee works it out at Richmond's Canal Club. **SATURDAY:** There's a shrine workshop at the Visionary Art Museum with AVAM's Nancy Josephson. ... Poet and activist Amiri Baraka appears

FINNY GIRL: Paul Spooner's "A Brassy Mermaid" is part of the "H2O" show.



PRAISE ON HIGH: Yolanda Adams joins with other "Sisters in the Spirit."

at Community College of Baltimore County, Essex Campus ... the Walters' drop-in art activity for families is intriguingly called "Pyramids, Papyrus and Pharaohs." (EXPRESS)

Suffer the Children

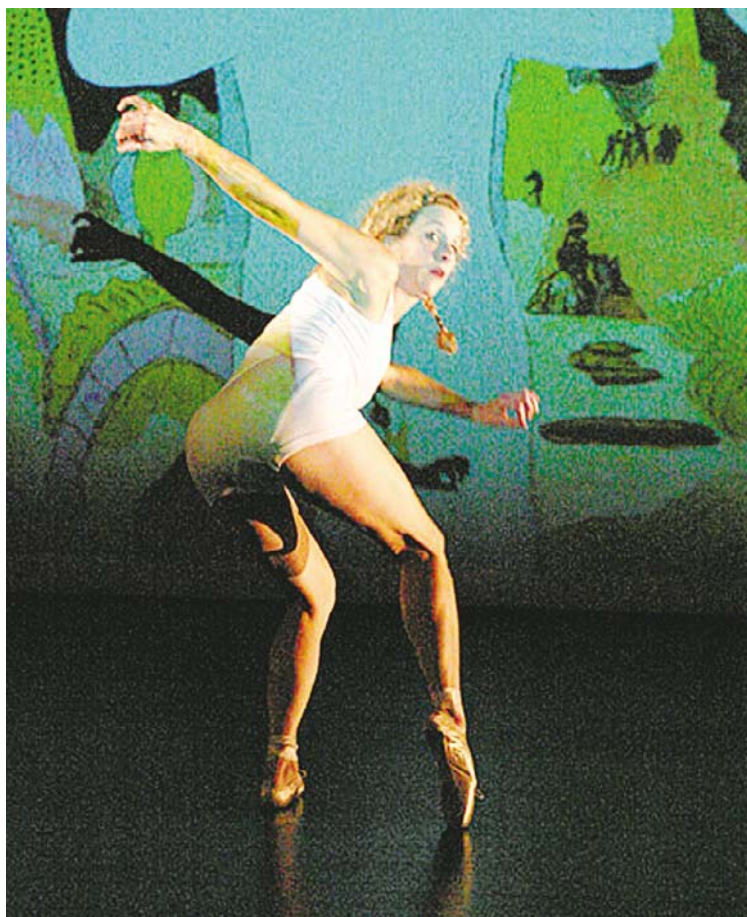
Henry Darger's twisted vision of childhood has its day

DANCE | It seems that every creepy recluse with bizarre ideas about children will have his day — and we aren't talking about Michael Jackson.

After years as the darling of outsider art enthusiasts, Henry Darger (1892-1973) is going mainstream in '05.

Jessica Yu's documentary about the painter and novelist, "In the Realms of the Unreal," opened locally last week. And this weekend at the University of Maryland at College Park's Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Seattle-based choreographer Pat Graney's "The Vivian Girls" brings Darger to the stage.

Guided by the music of composer Amy Denio and Irish fiddler Martin Hayes, Graney's dancers will move through environments inspired by the watercolors Darger traced and collaged from children's books, comic books and



THE GIRL WITH SOMETHING EXTRA: A polymorphously perverse Vivian Girl.

advertising illustrations.

This is a lot of exposure for a guy who spent his days as a Chicago janitor and whose art hobby remained a secret until he was on his deathbed.

Darger was a deeply disturbed man who devoted his entire adult life to an epic titled "The Story of the Vivian Girls, in What Is Known as the Realms of the Unreal, of the Glandeco-Angelinian War Storm, Caused by the Child Slave Rebellion."

Running more than 15,000 pages, the book gives Graney a lot to work with: mass torture, mass murder, mass suicide, pretty landscapes and seven heroic and frequently naked little girls who happen to be outfitted with penises.

If you haven't gathered already, Darger may be all about children, but he isn't for children in the least. Leave the little ones at home. **GLENN DIXON**

Clarice Smith Center, University Boulevard and Stadium Drive, College Park; Fri. & Sat., Feb. 11-12, 8 p.m., \$30; 301-405-2787. (College Park-University of Maryland)

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Broadway Baby: Christine Andreas

Christine Andreas evokes 1940's "Café Society" in her friendly but elegant recital of standards of the era. The beloved-on-Broadway vocalist sings greats by greats such as Cole Porter, Lerner and Loewe, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Jules Styne and contemporary pop and country composers.

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; Thu. & Fri., 7:30 & 9:30 p.m.; \$25; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)



Andreas brings a contemporary sensibility to bear on standards and classics.

Raising the Roof: Goldsworthy's Structure

Artist Andy Goldsworthy has been beaver away at his "Roof," an installation for the Natty Gal. It's made up of domes of stacked slate, a local stone, echoing the domed structures that define the skyline of this city. The film "Rivers and Tides" is being screened throughout this month and next.

National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue, Thu., Feb. 10, 2 p.m., free; 202-842-6799. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

Go Fishing: Trout With Attitude

You've got the musical chops and Hawaiian shirts. Now, how to let a potential audience know you're all cra-zee? One shortcut is to put a fish in your band name. While we're partial to the use of "mackerel," Trout Fishing in America has followed this dictum and made some darn good folk-blues-rock, besides.

Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda; with Dan Zanes and Friends, Sun., Feb. 13, 2 p.m., \$19-\$32; 301-530-0540.

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Computer Clash

Laptop Battlers sling digital diss in a techno macho display

OUT & ABOUT | Stroll into DC9 on Saturday night and you might encounter computers crashing. But don't call tech support — it's just the Mid-Atlantic Laptop Battle 1.0, a sonic clash between portable computers where only one digital music composer reigns supreme.

The event is the brainchild of Patrick Burrit and Eric Barnard of multimedia collective Negative Space. After similar gigs found audiences in Seattle, San Francisco and Philadelphia, the pair embarked on plan to have 12 laptop musicians square off in

a round-robin format.

The organizers are also filmmakers and originally planned the battle to obtain footage of music technology enjoyed live. (Burrit directed the locally shot short flick "Dive" and is currently filming "Flash Bang," a documentary on how the personal computer changed music.) However, with more than 50 talented battle applicants whittled down to a dozen, the sonic confrontations have become serious business.

"I'm all for pushing the boundaries and artisticness," Burrit told Express. "I also like really good music. We've tried to pick people that have a pop sensibility. Not to say we're 'American Idol' or anything."

The rules specify everything



Burrit and Barnard found a way to put local keyb-wranglers on center stage.

must originate from a contestant's sound card. Participants can also utilize outboard effects like distortion pedals, but to make the format more challenging, battlers may also sample an opponent's sound feed and manipulate it back at them in their own routines.

Burrit is certain of the Battle's unpredictability: "We don't know how this stuff is going to translate live. Some people might just go up there and push play."

Six celebrity judges will decide the competitors' fates, including Future of Music Coalition President Jenny Toomey and local techno spinner DJ Simon. They'll score contestants on sound quality, vibe, originality, crowd reaction and performance. A champ will be crowned after three rounds, including a final 20-minute duel.

CRAIG SMITH

DC9; 1940 9th St. NW; Sat., Feb. 12, 9 p.m.; \$6; 202-483-5000. (USt.-Cardozo)

Secrets and Lies

'Advise and Consent' shows Washington at its most cynical

FILM | Director Otto Preminger had just defied the House Un-American Activities Committee blacklist with "Exodus" when he turned around and made a film about suspicion and blackmail in the highest reaches of government.

"Advise and Consent," 1962, from Allen Drury's novel, is politics as pulp fiction — with backroom heavy breathing, towering performances (Henry Fonda! Ernest Borgnine! Charles Laughton! Franchot Tone as the president!) and a subtext that dare not speak its name.

Fittingly screening for audiences in the nation's capital on Thursday at the Library of Congress, the film is one of the most delicious of filthily-elbowed political melodramas — and the most relevant.

Fonda is the upright secretary-of-state nominee accused of being a communist. As various political weasels get in on the action of pushing him through/destroying him, the plot plunges into the skeins of vice and deal-making. Soon, the



IN THE SHADOW OF GREATER MEN'S LEGACIES: Charles Laughton and Paul McGrath deal dirty on location in Otto Preminger's political pulp film.

whole thing turns on one character's scandalous, supposed homosexuality.

Preminger does his best for the constraints of the time, most of which involved fantasy depictions of gay bars, the insides of which the casting-couch maven had surely never penetrated. But the director strove to portray blackmail-vulnerable Don Murray as a decent guy with a secret, not a skulking simp in tight pants.

"Advise and Consent" is mid-century filmmaking at its most sturdy, confident and ham-fisted, a melodrama with guts. And while it can't help looking dated in spots, it's still the gamiest film ever made about the Cabinet vetting process.

Imagine if Murray had wanted to get married. (EXPRESS)

Library of Congress, James Madison Memorial Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Thu., Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., free with ticket; 202-707-5677.

LIVE MUSIC | SWAMP FUNK



THE VOODOO YOU DO: Pianist, singer, composer, shaman of the otherworldly and New Orleans institution Dr. John shows us almost-Yankees and displaced Southerners how to channel the passions of Mardi Gras when he shakes the rafters at the Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; Sun., Feb. 13, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m., \$44; 410-268-4545.

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Fake Is the New Real

Ed Ruscha's divine re-invention of the ordinary at the NGA

MUSEUMS | Imagine if Ed Ruscha really had sent his resume to Uncle Walt. Trained in the late 1950s alongside animators and graphic designers, Ruscha's classmates went to work for the likes of Disney.

But Ruscha was too fired up by Jasper Johns and Franz Kline, whose paintings eschew recognizable shapes in favor of bold strokes that convey pure emotion. So Ruscha pushed familiar words and logos — 20th Century Fox, Standard Oil, the Hollywood sign — through the grinder of abstract expressionism.

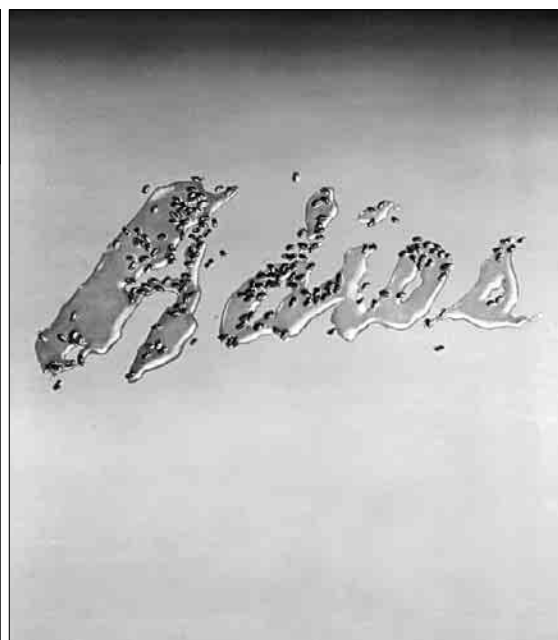
What came out were icons well known by the whole world, yet somehow newly strange. Abstract, you might say. And more disconcerting than Roy Lichtenstein's deadpan treatment of Mickey Mouse.

The National Gallery's exhibition of 90 Ruscha drawings is entitled "Cotton Puffs, Q-tips, Smoke and Mirrors." It's a sly play on the artist's unorthodox materials as well as his magician-like transformation of corporate brands and images.

The eye zooms directly to the words on Ruscha's canvas, yet the words themselves offer no clues to the painting's meaning. So the viewer's mind begins to see them as shapes only, like the spatters of Jackson Pollock or Kline's huge strokes of black on white. Then



COURTESY ED RUSCHA



THE SHOCK OF THE OLD LOOKING NEW: The simply titled "Adios" and "Large Trademark With Eight Spotlights" are just two of Ruscha's cheeky re-thinkings about the way we experience ads, logos, catch-phrases and life's little sound bites.

the interaction of the shapes and colors start to inspire a more visceral, emotional response than printed text or smeared pastel alone.

By forcing viewers to see the strokes of the lettering, Ruscha brings out a different layer of meaning from overused words

— much like the beauty a non-Arabic speaker may find in flowing Arabic script, even if the word's (unknown) meaning is silly, profane or banal.

And Ruscha's not above poking fun at his own famous brand by dropping his own name onto

the page. Imagine what he might have done with "Hakuna matata" or "Chim chim cher-ee." **BOB MASSEY**

National Gallery of Art, East Wing, 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue NW; through May 30, the artist lectures on his work Sun., Feb. 13, 2 p.m., 202-737-4215. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

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Activist former punk-rockers, Steel Pulse works and plays for a better world.

Rock and Reaction: Steel Pulse

Britain's Steel Pulse can be described as a reggae band, but the group is more than loping beats and One Love. In its many years on the scene, the former punk band has been activist in the courts, accessible on TV, inspirational on international tours and delightful live.

State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; Sat., Feb. 12, 9 p.m., \$25; 800-551-7328. (East Falls Church)

Iceman, Iceman, Baby

Soul's Jerry Butler is coming to town for Valentine's Day

MUSIC | How cool is Jerry "The Iceman" Butler?

The soul sensation coming to Blues Alley for a four-day stint only works with the best. He hooked up with Curtis Mayfield in their early days as Impressions. Later, Butler signed up with the black-owned VeeJay label; and he recruited only the finest in the mid-to-late-'60s when he snagged the production help of the legendary Philly sound crafters Gamble & Huff.

He's gone platinum so many times he's bored with counting.

His music is as adept at exploring social troubles as it is effortlessly seductive.

At 56, he's still touring and recording, pastimes he squeezes into the spaces of his political career, acting as one of 17 Cook County Commissioners responsi-



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COOL ON THE OUTSIDE; WARM ON THE INSIDE: Jerry "The Iceman" Butler has the capacity to chill a warm martini and melt a cold heart with his versatile voice.

ble for Chicago and its suburbs.

No wonder they call him the Iceman, a moniker he earned back in 1959 from a female DJ impressed with Butler's elegant bearing and smooth way of putting over a tune.

With 38 years of music-making for Philadelphia International, Motown and other labels, and with hits like "For Your Precious Love," "Only the Strong Survive" and "He Will Break Your Heart" under his belt, Butler is a soul machine privy to the secret of perpetual motion.

His annual Valentine's Day-related appearances, peaking on the day itself, are romantic and musical high points for lovers everywhere, but we're lucky enough to get him. **(EXPRESS)**

Blues Alley, 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; Thu., Sat.-Mon., Feb. 10, 12-14, 8 & 10 p.m., Fri., Feb. 11, 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$35; 202-337-4141.



WHO KNEW? Thanks to the Strathmore, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is the only American orchestra to have year-round homes in two major areas.

Love, Big Willie Style

Will Smith has seen enough action; he's ready for romance

SWITCHING IT UP | Will Smith is one of Hollywood's most popular action stars. Yet he has never starred in a big-screen romantic comedy — until now.

In "Hitch" he portrays date doctor Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, a highly paid consultant who helps smitten bachelors woo the women of their dreams. Since his work is confidential, he must remain anonymous;

exposure could spell the end of his lucrative livelihood.

Enter Sara Melas (Eva Mendes), a gossip columnist who steals Hitch's heart. But if she reveals him to be the notorious date doctor, he's out of business.

"The idea of a date doctor is a really cool idea to me," said Smith.

Smith explains there is a distinction between date doctoring and matchmaking. He doesn't fix people up; he merely offers advice on how to charm the opposite sex. Like his character, Smith has surefire steps



MAN OF ACTION: Smith is happily married; what does he know about dating?

for successful courtship.

"The first date is about competence," he observed. "You want to be seen in your best light. If you're a good bowler, go bowling."

"The second date," he continued, "is about range. You want to be able to go to the Snoop Dogg concert, for example, and then go to MoMA. The third date is about keeping it real."

Following these rules worked when he was wooing his second wife, actress Jada Pinkett Smith, with whom he has two children.

Big Willie wasn't always that savvy in the romance department. "Fortunately, when I was growing up I had two sisters and a best friend that was a woman, so it worked out really well — I got a lot of inside information," he said. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

The Critics | That's a Wrap

The Wedding Date

Directed by Clare Kilner; Starring Debra Messing, Dermot Mulroney, Amy Adams and Holland Taylor



The Washington Post

LITTLE THINGS get in the way of "The Wedding Date" — things like, oh, a bad script, stilted dialogue, an overwrought plot and a seriously obnoxious heroine.

Los Angeles Times

EVEN LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT needs a worldview, and by saying nothing real about its dark subject matter, the film winds up a depressing, lost little movie.

Chicago Sun Times

"THE WEDDING DATE" presents the curious case of two appealing star performances — Messing's and Mulroney's — surviving a bombardment of schlock.

Entertainment Weekly

SO MANY BODY PARTS from other romantic comedies have been stitched together for this weird robotic lark, it ought to be called Maid of Honor of Frankenstein.



The Merchant of Venice

Directed by Michael Radford; Starring Al Pacino, Jeremy Irons and Lynn Collins

A DARK, BROODING reading, with the almost palpable stink of Venetian canals, although for lovers of the play's language, the truncation of the text will hurt.

DIRECTOR RADFORD reveals Shakespeare's play as something very modern in its very dark comedy, charged with ambiguity and a sense of absurdity.

A WONDERFUL-LOOKING film, saturated in colors and shadows; it has greatness in moments, but is denied greatness overall because of its peculiar construction.

THIS USER-FRIENDLY, travelogue Bard movie contains some clunky exposition and rote line readings, but attains a bona fide Shakespearean vibrance.



Hide and Seek

Directed by John Polson; Starring Robert De Niro, Dakota Fanning, Elisabeth Shue and Dylan Baker

AFTER A pretty good two-thirds, a big, predictable reveal occurs, and high class gives way to high camp, which dissipates into an anticlimactic thud.

THE YEAR'S FIRST laugh-out-loud funny thriller, thanks to silly dialogue and the dunderheaded behavior. Strictly for connoisseurs of movies so bad they're good.

FANNING DOES AN accomplished job of making us wonder what she knows, but the film isn't interested in its situation except as a way to get to the horror ending.

DESPITE EARLY SIGNS of higher goals, is a factory-standard box of shocks, and a clever turn-of-the-screw to enlightened parenting ends in a rote chase.

The Chorus

Directed by Christophe Barratier; Starring Jacques Perrin, Jean-Baptiste Maunier and Gerard Jugnot



THIS HANDSOME, popular film hits its marks very well and is ultimately effective on its own unambitious terms, but not's not the freshest thing to come down the pike.

A RUNAWAY HIT in France last year and the country's official Oscar entry, "The Chorus" is a well-nigh irresistible film celebrating the redemptive power of music.

A PERFECTLY SINCERE sentimental exercise that feels more like a Hollywood wannabe than a French film. Where's the quirkiness, the nuance, the deeper levels?

A FANTASY about not-so-bad boys whose savage breasts are soothed by singing flute chorales, this movie is a made-for-export slice of Gallic nostalgia.



Burt Lancaster and Claudia Cardinale.

'The Leopard': Big Screen for An Epic Story

FILM | Luchino Visconti's "The Leopard" has been restored to its sumptuous glory. Long a memory for cinephiles, the 1963 film about the dissolution of the Italian aristocracy and the rise of nationalism in the 19th century has been polished up and released on DVD, but see it properly writ large if you can. (EXPRESS)

AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri., Feb. 11, through Feb. 24, 8:15 p.m., \$7.50-\$8.50; 301-495-6700. (Silver Spring)



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Black Cat: Thu., Strike Anywhere, The Unseen, The Loved Ones, 8:30 p.m., \$10; Fri., Wrens, Army of Me, The Upwelling, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Loveless (Valentine Party) w/ DJs Stereo Faith, Victory Rose, 9 p.m., \$8; Sat., Mousetrap, 9:30 p.m., \$8; The Caffish Shack, 9:30 p.m., free. 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

Blues Alley: Thu., Ken Navarro, 8 & 10 p.m., \$18; Fri.-Sun., Jerry "The Iceman" Butler, 8 & 10 p.m. (Fri.-Sun.), midnight (Sat.), \$35. 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

Birchmere Music Hall: Thu., The Seldom Scene, King Wilkie, 7:30 p.m., \$20; Fri.-Sat., Walter Beasley, 7:30 p.m.,

\$29.50; Sun., DC All Stars, 7:30 p.m., \$26. 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 800-551-7328.

The Classics: Sat., Suttle Thoughts, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Rare Essence, 10 p.m., \$20. 4591 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Md.; 301-420-5353.

Club Amazon: Fri., International Fridays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Lissen Band, 11 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., Flow College Night, 10 p.m., \$10. 13501 Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

Club Five: Thu., Passion, 10 p.m., \$5; Fri., Pearl, That '80s Party, 9 p.m., \$10; Sat., M3 Dance Night, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Trade, 9 p.m., \$10. 1214-B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

Crossroads: Thu., Anything Goes Thursday, 10 p.m., \$10; Fri., Escape Fridays, 10 p.m., \$10; Sat., Stone Love, 9 p.m., \$10; Sun., Red & White Affair, 10 p.m., \$10. 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

Daedalus: Fri., Merge (Ladies Only), 6 p.m., \$6-\$20; Sat., Asian Nite, 10:30 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., Valentines Mixer, 6 p.m., \$10-\$15. 1010 Vermont Ave. NW; 202-369-5600.

DC 9: Thu., The Greenline, The Bonapartes, The Think, 9 p.m., \$7; Fri., Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5; Sat., Laptop Battle, 9 p.m., \$6; Sun., Second Sunday Swing w/ Andy Reid, 8 p.m., \$5. 1949 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

Dream: Fri., Angie Stone, 8 p.m., \$20; Sat., Smuth, Chinese New Year Celebration, Sexe, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. 1350 Okie St. NE;

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A JOYFUL SOUND: North Carolina native Angie Stone, appearing at Dream on Friday, began singing in church, and in a sense she's never left it. Her funk, soul and gospel evoke a reverence for all that's holy in making music.

202-636-9030.

Fur: Thu., Sex In The City, 9 p.m., \$15; Fri., Ladies Night Lingerie Show, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Glow, 9 p.m., \$15. 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-297-0377.

Galaxy Hut: Sat., Nathaniel Seer, Brian Bassett; Sun., Rancho Notorious, Thomas, Truax; all shows 9:45 p.m., free. 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

H2O: Thu., Usual Suspects Happy Hour & Dance Party, 5-11 p.m., \$15; Fri., International Night, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Soul Food Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$15. 800 Water St. SW; 202-484-6300.

Home: Thu., College Night, 10 p.m., \$15; Fri., The Penthouse, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., JetSet Saturdays, 10 p.m., \$15; Sun., Urban Night, 10 p.m., \$15. 911 F St. NW; 202-638-4663.

Iota Club & Café: Thu., Phoebus, Koshari, 9 p.m., \$8; Fri., Down Dexter, Paul Brill, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Sat., Jesse Malin, Shane Hines, 9:30 p.m., \$12; Sun., Jack Ingram's Acoustic Motel, 9 p.m., \$10; Poetry Series, 6-8 p.m., free. 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: Thu., Stacey Earle, Mark Stuart, Judd & Maggie, 8 p.m., \$12; Fri., Mary Ann Redmond, 8 p.m., \$10; Sat., Ellis Paul, 7 p.m., \$16; Outskirts of Town, Odd Girl Out, DC Drag Kings, 9:30 p.m., \$15; Sun., Michael Fath, 7 p.m., \$15. 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: Fri., Long Since Gone, Bannerwood, The Second Sunrise, 6 p.m., \$10; Sat., Nawat, From Beyond, Since April, Drop Science, Latter Day Aarade, Alley Trip, Teo, Iron Lung Remedy, Shrapnel, 2 p.m., \$10. 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield, Va.; 703-569-5940.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Thu., Andrew White; Fri., NSO Prelude; Sat., Cheick Hamala Diabate; Sun., Polyjesters, all shows 6 p.m., free. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Kennedy Center, Concert Hall: Thu.-Sat., NSO: Leonard Slatkin, Lynn Harell, 7 p.m. (Thu.), 8 p.m., (Fri.), \$20-\$77; Sat., King's Singers, 4:30 p.m., \$25-\$55. Sun., Prague Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m.,

\$35-\$85; NSO Young Soloists' Competition, 8 p.m., free. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Kennedy Center, Terrace Gallery: Thu.-Sat., Christine Andreas; all shows 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$25. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Madam's Organ: Thu., The Johnny Artis Band, 9:30 p.m., \$5-\$7; Fri., Motor City Josh, 10 p.m., \$5-\$7; Sat., Bobby Parker & the Blues Night Band, 10 p.m., \$5-\$7; Sun., Lucky Dog w/ Larry Meisse, 9 p.m., \$2-\$3. 2461 18th St. NW; 202-667-5370.

Nation: Thu., Alchemy, 9 p.m., \$10; Fri., DJ Icey, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Valentine's Party, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15. 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

Republic Gardens: Thu., Live Jazz Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Fri., Ol' School Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Sat., Remedy, 9 p.m., \$10. 1355 U St. NW; 202-232-2710.

State Theater: Thu., Papa Grows Funk, 8:30 p.m., \$13; Sat., Steel Pulse, 9 p.m., \$25. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 800-551-7328.

Twins Jazz: Thu., Blues Night feat. Lou Jerome, 8 p.m., \$10; Fri.-Sat., David "Fathead" Newman, 9 & 11 p.m., \$20. 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

Whitlow's on Wilson: Thu., Shag; Fri., Reverend Hookums; Sat., Domestic Violins; all shows 9:30 p.m., \$4-\$5. 2854 Wilson Blvd., Clarendon, Va.; 703-276-9693.

Zanzibar: Thu., After Work Dance Party, 5 p.m., free before 7 p.m.; Fusion Happy Hour (5 p.m.), International Nite, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., International Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

SIGHT

Anacostia Museum: On Their Own: Selected Works by Self-taught Artists. The Art of Charles Smith. In Celebration of Black Men: The Quilt, all open Sunday, through June 12. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-287-2061.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Asia in America: Views of Chinese Art From the Indianapolis Museum of Art, through March 20. Iraq and China: Ceramics, Trade and Innovation, through April 24. Cai Guo-Qiang: Traveler, through April 24. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-357-4880.

Barry Gallery at Marymount University: Lynn Schmidt: Painting and Sculpture, through Feb. 19. 2807 North Glebe Rd., Arlington; 703-284-1561.

LAST CHANCE The Black Rock Center of the Arts: "Stealing Dead Souls": Photography by James W. Bailey, closes Thu. 12901 Towns Commons Drive, Germantown, Md.; 301-528-2260.

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COURTESY WOLF TRAP

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leaven: "Who Are You an Agent For?" through Feb. 19. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of Art: Inventions: Recent Paintings by Caio Fonseca, closes Monday. Allyn Massey: Lament, through Feb. 28. The Body Politic: Portraits of American Presidents, through Mar. 6. Frank Gehry, Architect: Designs for Museums, through Mar. 21. Figuratively Speaking: The Human Form in American Art, through May 23. 500

17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Letter-Writing in Renaissance England, through April 2. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Contemporary Drawings, through March 9. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

LAST CHANCE Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Artomatic Top 10, through Feb. 16. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art: Life and Leisure: Everyday Life in Japanese Painting, through Feb. 20. Young Whistler: Early Prints and the French Set, through March 13. Luxury and Luminosity, through June

26. 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-2700.

Fusebox: Ian Whitmore: Mirror Mirror, through Feb. 19. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

G Fine Art: Elements, Particular: Paintings by Robert Olsen, through Feb. 19. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

Gallery G: Robert Olsen: Elements, Particular, through Feb. 19. 215 King St., Alexandria; 703-836-5400.

Govinda Gallery: Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Review: Photographs by Ken Regan, through Feb. 26. 1227 34th St. NW; 202-333-1180.

LAST CHANCE Hemphill Fine Arts: Martin Kotler and John Dreyfuss, closes Sat. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hirshhorn Museum: Cai Guo-Qiang: Directions, through April 24. Isamu Noguchi: Master Sculptor: through May 8. Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW; 202-633-4674.

Irvine Contemporary Art: Amy Ross & Robert Gutierrez, through Feb. 26. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: Janos Enyedi: The American Industrial Landscape — Reconstructed: Power, Steel, Concrete, through Feb. 26. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

Meridian International Center: 1624 Crescent Place NW; 202-667-6800.

National Air and Space Museum: 7th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-357-2700.

National Archive: The American Presidency, through Feb. 21. 700 Pennsylvania Ave.; 202-501-5000.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: Five Friends From Japan: Children in Japan Today, closes Sun. Origami as Architecture, through Mar. 27. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete,

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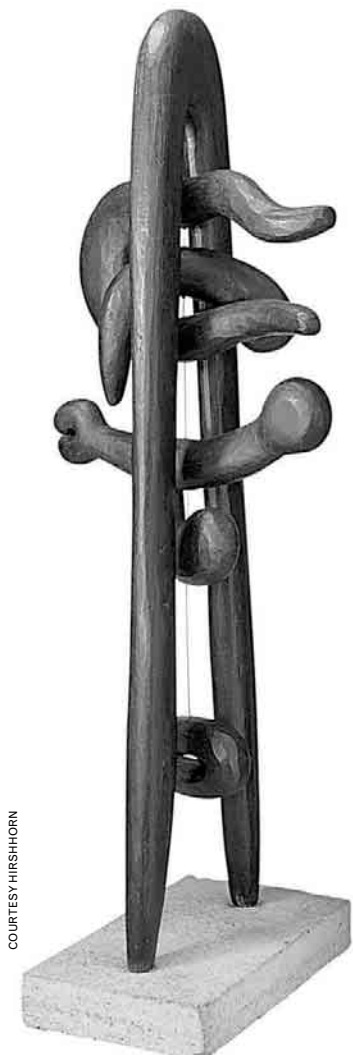
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ROCK SHOW: The Hirshhorn
unleashes Isami Noguchi's
"Inner Stone" with an exhibit
of the master's sculptures.

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through April 17. New Designs for Pub-
lic Space, through May 15. 401 F St. NW;
202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Six Centuries
of Prints and Drawings: Recent Acquisi-
tions, through Feb. 21. Rembrandt's Late
Religious Portraits, through May 1. André
Kertész, through May 15. Fauve Painting
From the Permanent Collection, through
May 30. Cotton Puffs, Q-Tips, Smoke
and Mirrors: The Drawings of Ed Rus-
cha, opens Sunday, through May 30. 600
Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

**LAST CHANCE National Geographic
Society:** Mapping With Paper and Pixel,
closes Sun. 17th and M streets NW; 202-
857-7588.

National Museum of African Art:

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Treasures, through Aug. 15. Textures: Word and Symbol in Contemporary African Art, through Sept. 9. The Art of the Personal Object, permanent. Ceramics at NMAA, permanent. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600.

National Museum of American History: Ralph Bunche: African-American/Global Citizen, through March 31. Sports: Breaking Barriers, Breaking Records, through April 7. Separate Is Not Equal: Brown v. Board of Education, through May 31. Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen, through Sept. 30. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

National Museum of the American Indian: Native Modernism: George Morrison and Allan Houser, through Sept. 21. 4th Street and Jefferson Drive SW, 202-633-1000.

National Museum of Natural History: Orchids: The Orchid Express: From Mountaintop to Tabletop, through May 1. Hawaiian Treasures, through March. 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-357-2700.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: Feminist Works on Paper From the Permanent Collection, through March 13. Berthe Morisot: An Impressionist and Her Circle, through May 8. 250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

National Postal Museum: 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-357-2991.

Numark Gallery: Sharon Loudon: The

Motley Tails, through Feb. 19. David Ryan, Batteries Can't Help Now, through Feb. 19. 625-27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

Octagon Museum: Doodles, Drafts and Designs: Industrial Drawings From the Smithsonian Institution, through April 30. 1799 New York Ave. NW; 202-638-3105.

Ralls Collection: 1516 31st St. NW; 202-342-1754.

S. Dillon Ripley Center: Winograd, through Feb. 27. In the Russian Tradition: A Historic Collection of 20th Century Russian Paintings, through Mar. 20. 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-633-1000.

LAST CHANCE Spectrum Gallery: Eileen Olson: Another Realm — Mt. Athos, closes Sun. 1132 29th St. NW; 202-333-0954.

LAST CHANCE Strand on Volta: New Furniture by Keith Fritz, closes Sat. 1531 33rd St. NW; 202-333-4663.

Textile Museum: A Garden of Shawls: The Buta and Its Seed, through March 6. Beyond the Bag: Textiles as Containers, through June 5. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441.

Target Gallery: Torpedo Factory Arts Center @ 30: The Sun of the North: Tadas Gutauskas, through Feb. 20. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, ext. 4.

Zenith Gallery: A New Look, through Feb. 28. 901 E. St. NW; 202-783-2963.

STAGE

THIS WEEKEND ONLY 119 Miles: 8 p.m. (Sat.), 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$16. Joy of Motion Dance Center, Jack Guidone Theatre, 5207 Wisconsin Ave., NW; 202-

362-3042.

The All Night Strut!: through March 27, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 & 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$32-\$37. Metro Stage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

LAST CHANCE American Ballet Theatre: closes Sun., 1:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$29-\$99. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Ballet Theatre of Maryland: Sat., 2 & 7 p.m., \$16-\$21. The Historic Avalon Theatre, 40 E. Dover St., Easton; 800-551-7328.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY BET Coming to the Stage, Featuring Joe Recca, Cory Fernandez, and Greg Warren, Fri.-Sun., 8 & 10:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 8 p.m. (Sun.), \$17. DC Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave., NW; 202-296-7008.

Black Milk: through Feb. 27, 2 p.m. (Fri.-Sun.), 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$48. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300.

Bohemians: through March 6, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$24-\$29. Classika Theatre, 4041 S. 28th St. Arlington; 703-824-8060.

Cloud 9: through Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat.), \$25-\$30. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE; 202-547-6839.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Contact: 8 p.m. (Fri.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 6:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$32.50-\$62.50. Warner Theatre, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., NW; 202-397-7328.

LAST CHANCE The Death of Meyerhold: closes Sun., 8:30 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$25. Studio Theatre, 1333 P St. NW; 202-332-3300.

Defending the Caveman: through Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. (Thu. & Fri.), 5 & 8 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sun.), \$35. 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington; 703-573-7328.

Fallen From Proust: through Feb. 20, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 & 7 p.m. (Sun.), \$25-\$39. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-218-6500.

Fanfare: Composers for a New Century: through Feb. 27, Round House Theatre, Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 240-644-1100.

LAST CHANCE Hallelujah, Baby! closes Sunday, 8 p.m. (Thu.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$47-\$66. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

Heartache on 25th Street!: through Feb. 19, 8 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$20. Ebeyana Studio Theatre, 7686 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria; 703-765-3575.

Intimations for Saxophone: through Feb. 27, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$45-\$59. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

International Festival of Hispanic Theatre: through March 10, 8 p.m. (Fri.

GALLERIES | STAND TO THE RIGHT



UP AND UP: Look closely and it all comes back: the aching calves, the smell of fuel. Javier Gil's drawing "Dupont Circle Metro," at Fraser Gallery Bethesda, captures the vertiginous heights of our own Sisyphean steps.



TOWN WITHOUT PITY: Rorshach Theatre re-invents the classic Hawthorne story of woman scorned by her community with Jenny McConnell Frederick's striking production of "The Scarlet Letter," now at Casa del Pueblo.

& Sat.), 3 p.m. (Sat.), \$20-\$25. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 202-882-6227.

Kimberly Akimbo: through Feb. 20, 2:30 & 8 p.m. (Sat.), 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$10-\$23. Rep Stage at Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; 410-772-4900.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Lobster Boy's Lucky 13th: Sun., 8 p.m., \$15. Chief Ike's Mambo Room, 1725 Columbia Road NW; 202-332-2211.

Lorenzaccio: through March 6, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$23-\$68. The Shakespeare Theatre, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

The Member of the Wedding: through Feb. 27, 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Thu. & Sun.), \$16-\$48. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St., NW; 202-347-4833.

Nat Love of the Wild Wild West: through Feb. 18, 10 & 11:30 a.m. (Thu. & Fri.), noon (Sat.), \$4-\$5. Discovery Theatre, Arts and Industries Building, 900 Jefferson Drive, SW; 202-357-1500.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Pat Graney Company: The Vivian Girls: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m., \$30. Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at Maryland, University of Maryland, University Boulevard and Stadium Drive, College Park; 301-405-2787.

Pecan Tan: through Feb. 27, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$25-\$30. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St., NE; 202-396-2125.

Petite Rouge: A Cajun Red Riding Hood: through April 3, 3:30 & 7 p.m. (Sat.), 12:30 & 3:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$10-\$15. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave.,

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Bethesda; 30I-280-I660.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Richard Jeni:
7 & 9:30 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), \$25. Wolf Trap,
The Barns, I635 Trap Road, Vienna; 703-

218-6500.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Rickey Smiley: Fri., 8 & 10:30 p.m., \$35.50. Lincoln Theatre, I215 U St., NW; 800-551-7328.

Romeo & Juliet: through Feb. 20, 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun.), \$30-\$48. Folger Theatre, 20I East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

The Scarlet Letter: through March I2, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), \$19.50. Casa del Pueblo, I459 Columbia Road NW; 202-322-3422.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Strings

Across Asia: Fri., 7:30 p.m., free. Freer Gallery, I2th Street and Jefferson Drive, SW; 202-633-0494.

The Tattooed Girl: Theater J, through Feb. 20, 8 p.m. (Sat.), 3 p.m., (Sun.), \$25-

\$36. District of Columbia Jewish Community Center, I529 I6th St. NW; 202-518-9400.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Valentine's

Day Weekend Comedy Jam:

8:30 p.m. (Fri.-Sun.), I0:45 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), \$I0. Jokes on Us Comedy Club, 3I2 Main St., Laurel; 202-397-7328.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Tristan und

Isolde: Virginia Opera, 8 p.m. (Fri.), 2 p.m. (Sun.), \$44-\$84. George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-218-6500.

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MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 3:40) 6:40 9:40
HIDE AND SEEK (R) (12:20 2:40 5:10) 7:50 10:10
ALONE IN THE DARK (R) 10:00
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (2:10 4:30) 7:00 9:20
THE WORK AND THE GLORY (PG) 7:10 9:35
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) (12:30 3:00 5:20) 8:00 10:20
IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) (2:00 4:40) 7:40 10:30
RACING STRIPES (PG) (12:10 2:30 4:50)
COACH CARTER (PG-13) (1:00 4:00) 6:50 9:50
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13) (12:00 3:10) 6:20
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (2:50) 6:10 9:30



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HIDE AND SEEK (R) (12:40 3:00 5:15) 7:40 11:00
IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) (1:20 4:10) 7:10 9:35
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THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13) (5:10) 8:30
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SIDEWAYS (R) (12:50 3:50) 6:50 9:40



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ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (11:00 12:00
1:30 2:30 4:00 5:00) 6:30 7:30 9:00 10:00
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) (12:10 3:10) 6:10 9:10
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:10 4:10) 7:10 10:10
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MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) (1:20 4:25) 7:20 10:25
ALONE IN THE DARK (R) 6:45 9:15
RACING STRIPES (PG) (11:10 1:40 4:10)



Cineplex Odeon DUPONT CIRCLE 5

1360 19th Street 202-972-9966

BAD EDUCATION (NC-17) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:00 2:00
3:40 4:40) 6:30 7:30 9:10 10:10
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:30 1:30
3:20 4:20) 6:10 7:10 9:00 10:00
KINSEY (R) (1:10 4:00) 6:50 9:40



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3426 Connecticut Avenue 202-966-8805

THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (12:30 4:15) 8:00



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9811 Washington Blvd., Gaithersburg 301-948-0906

★ BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:20 1:10
2:40 3:30 5:20) 6:20 7:50 8:50 10:20

★ THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (12:55 3:15 5:35) 7:55 10:05

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1:05 4:05) 7:05 9:55

HIDE AND SEEK (R) (2:15 3:20 4:55 5:50) 7:25 8:20 9:45

ALONE IN THE DARK (R) 7:20 10:00

ARE WE THERE YET? Rear Window Captioning (PG)
(11:00 1:30 4:00) 6:30 9:10

ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) (11:30 2:00 4:50) 7:30 10:10

IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) (11:50 2:20 5:40) 8:30

RACING STRIPES (PG) (12:10 2:50 5:30)

COACH CARTER (PG-13) (12:00 3:00) 6:10 9:20

HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (12:40 3:40) 6:40 9:40

WHITE NOISE (PG-13) 8:10 10:20

THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (2:05 5:45) 9:15

MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) (1:25 4:15) 7:15 9:55

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13) (1:55) 6:05 9:25

LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (PG)
(11:40 2:10 4:40)

FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (11:20 1:50 4:20) 6:45 9:00

THE INCREDIBLES (PG) (11:10)

SIDEWAYS (R) (12:50 3:50) 6:50 9:50



Cineplex Odeon SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph 703-671-9978

BAD EDUCATION (NC-17) (12:50 3:30) 6:30 9:20
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:10 4:30) 7:30 10:00
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S THE MERCHANT OF VENICE (R)
(1:30 4:20) 7:10 9:50

THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:00 3:20 4:40) 8:00 9:30

A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT (R) (12:40) 6:40

SIDEWAYS (R) (12:30 1:20 3:10 4:10) 6:20 7:00 9:00 9:40



Cineplex Odeon WISCONSIN AVE. CINEMAS

4000 Wisconsin Avenue N.W. 202-244-0882

★ BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) (12:50 3:10 5:20) 7:30 9:50
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (12:40 1:45 3:30 5:00) 6:20 8:10 9:10
COACH CARTER (PG-13) (1:00 3:50) 9:40
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (1:10 4:10) 7:00 9:35
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (1:20 4:00) 6:40 9:20



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11115 Mall Circle, Waldorf 201-646-0818

★ BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) (1:35 4:15) 6:30 9:10
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1:00 3:50) 6:45 9:40
HIDE AND SEEK (R) (2:50 5:10) 7:40 9:55
ALONE IN THE DARK (R) 7:00 9:20
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COACH CARTER (PG-13) (1:10 4:05) 7:20 10:15
WHITE NOISE (PG-13) 6:10 9:00
MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) (1:45 4:45) 7:30 10:05
LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (PG) (2:00 4:25)



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★ BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) (12:50 3:00 5:20) 7:40 9:50 12:00
★ THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (12:40 2:50 5:10) 7:30 9:40 11:50
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (11:30 1:00 2:30 4:00 5:30)
7:00 8:30 10:00 11:30

HIDE AND SEEK Rear Window Captioning (R) (12:00 3:20 5:40) 8:10 10:40

ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (1:20 3:40) 10:30

ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) (5:00) 10:50

IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) (11:00 1:30 4:10) 6:50 9:20 11:45

COACH CARTER (PG-13) (11:40 2:40) 6:00 9:00

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13) (1:40) 7:50


THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (12:20 3:50) 8:00

THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU (R) (11:50)

MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) (11:20 2:10) 10:20

FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) (11:10 1:50 4:20) 6:40 9:30

SIDEWAYS (R) (1:10 3:10 4:30) 6:20 7:20 9:10 10:10 11:55



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North Bethesda 310-423-1014

★ THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (1:40 4:20) 6:30 9:10
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1:00 3:50) 6:40 9:30
IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) (1:30 4:10) 7:00 9:20
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1:20 4:50) 8:15
SIDEWAYS (R) (1:10 4:00) 6:50 9:40

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750 940 1025
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (220 440) 700 925
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) DIG (110 400) 650 935
BEING JULIA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (240 510) 745 1015
RACING STRIPES (PG) DIG (230 500) 735
MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) DIG (115 405) 705 945
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) DIG (105 355) 655 930
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (125
435) 715 1010
SPANGLISH (PG-13) DIG (120 415) 710 1005
HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS (PG-13) DIG (210 455)
740 1020
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ALONE IN THE DARK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1000

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BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) DIG (155 415) 750 1020
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (145 445) 740 955
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (105 405) 705 1010
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) DIG (100 430) 800
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 345) 650 935
MERCHANT OF VENICE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1255 355)
655 1000
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) DIG (420) 720 950
IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) DIG (130 440) 730 1005
COACH CARTER (PG-13) DIG (110 410) 710 1015
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (140 450) 715 940
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Adv. Tix on Sale BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (PG) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale HITCH (PG-13) ★
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1225 235 450) 715 930
ALONE IN THE DARK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) 1000 PM
FASCINATION (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1205 230 455) 725 935
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1210 100 310 405) 630
710 935 1015
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1200 1240 215 255 430 510)
645 735 915
BEING JULIA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (150 420) 650 925
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1215 245
515) 745 1020
COACH CARTER (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1230 330 640 945)
IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (120 415) 705 950
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1225 400) 800
MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (125 410) 720 1005
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (220 525) 830
FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) DIG (Stadium) (140 425) 655 920

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BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) DIG (1205 135 235 405 505) 650 735 920 1005
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (1220 250 525) 750 1020
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 120 240 420 520) 705 800
950 1040
ALONE IN THE DARK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 335) 655 1010
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (105 410) 715
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (1210 125 245 415 515) 710 805 940
1030
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) DIG (110 425) 730 1025
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 340) 700 945
COACH CARTER (PG-13) DIG (1240 355) 720 1035
RACING STRIPES (PG) DIG (105 410) 715
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) DIG (1200 345) 745
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Adv. Tix on Sale HITCH (PG-13) ★
BOOGEYMAN (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1150 1240 220 310 440 530) 710
800 930 1020
PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1205 330) 640 1000
THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1230 250 515) 730 945
ALONE IN THE DARK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) 950
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1140 1210 205 230 435
500) 700 740 925 1015
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) DIG (Stadium) (1200 110 320 410) 630
720 940 1025
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) DIG (Stadium) (1135 1220 200 240 420 510)
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ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (Stadium) (1250 400)
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THE WEDDING DATE (PG-13) (1230 320) 700 945
HIDE AND SEEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 335) 710 955
MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13) (1255 415) 730 1050
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) (110 350) 645 950
ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 715 1015
COACH CARTER (PG-13) (1240 400) 720 1040
IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) (1250 345) 650 935
RACING STRIPES (PG) (120 420)
HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13) (100 410) 725 1030
THE AVIATOR (PG-13) (1245 445) 900
MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) (130 440) 745 1045
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Some cold-weather wines are easier to come by than others, thanks to the intricate shipping regulations governing alcohol. Canadian wines are relatively easy to find locally, while Alaskan wines — well, actually going to Alaska might be easier.

ICELAND: With summer heat pushing 50 degrees Fahrenheit, there's no chance of a grape harvest here. Native farmer Omar Gunnarsson combines rhubarb with handpicked wild crowberries and blueberries to make Kvoldsol, meaning "evening sun." The sweet wine sells out every week, said Thorleifur Petursson of the Nordic Store, the wine's lone exporter. It takes Gunnarsson about a year to produce Kvoldsol, which he's been making since 2001. Visit www.nordicstore.net to buy a bottle, which goes for \$27.50 plus shipping (about \$25).

ALASKA: Located at the foot of the Chugach Mountains in Anchorage, Denali is one of few wineries in Alaska to produce wine from grapes (sort of — it imports juice concentrate from Canada). Denali also offers icewine, which is made from grapes left to freeze on the vine in subzero temperatures. When the grapes are pressed, the icy water remains in the skin and a few potent, sugary drops of juice are extracted. Denali's icewine is available at www.denaliwinery.com for \$50, plus shipping. Only one bottle per month can be sent to the D.C. area (that's right, one — we told you this stuff's hard to get); the winery is working to expand its reach.

For the high-rolling oenophilic adventurer, Great Land Wines transforms unexpected vegetables, fruits and flowers into wine in Haines and the surrounding Chilkat Valley; the onion-infused Zweibel is a local favorite. The winery only ships freight to the U.S., so you'll pay three to four times a bottle's



COLD-BREWED: A sweet Riesling icewine from Canada's Inniskillin winery. Icewine is made from frozen grapes.

value in shipping. But you'll be the only person in the area to sip "Birch Sap" wine. (E-mail daveandjeanie@greatlandwines.com to order.)

CANADA: Our northern neighbor has established itself as a wine-producing nation with more than 300 wineries from coast to coast. Inniskillin in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, put Canada on the icewine map. John Genderson, co-owner of Schneider's of Capitol Hill (300 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 202-543-9300) recommends the vintner's Icewine (\$80) as a desert wine. Potomac Wine and Spirits (100 M Street NW; 202-333-2848) carries it as well. Or order online at wine.com (\$85 plus shipping), which ships only to the District proper.

Rival winery Colio Estate's icewine sells for \$32 for a half-bottle at Potomac, while a split, or quarter-bottle, of Jackson-Triggs icewine goes for \$23. **JAIME MALARKEY (EXPRESS)**

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We Shall Meat Again

Meat! D.C. needs more meat! **MORTON'S STEAKHOUSE** has opened its sixth local outpost in Bethesda with Chef Wee Ouporn, formerly of The Palm, at the helm. A notable attraction is Bar 12-21 and its Bar Bites menu, which includes filet mignon sandwiches, oysters on the half shell and shrimp cocktail. It's half-price Monday through Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and again from 9:30 to 11 p.m. And leave the vegetarians at home.

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VALENTINE'S

How Sexy Is Your Food?

INDEBLEU Chef Vikram Garg was

inspired by the Kama Sutra in the design of his saucy little menu. Kumomotto oyster "quickies," shrimps "in the sack" and orgasmic chocolate puddings are just a few of the temptations therein. The price? \$95 per person. WASHINGTONPOST.COM
707 G St. NW; 202-333-2538.
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DEBUTS

A Silver Lining, and More

Float away on a **CLOUD**, opening this Friday or Saturday ("hopefully," according to the weary-sounding man on the phone). The lounge lives up to its moniker with gauzy curtains, projected clouds and a décor of white, white, white. Customers can graze on tapas while reclining on lounge beds (sitting up is now uncool?); entertainment includes DJs, Brazilian dancers and other live acts. Look for it in the spot formerly known as Club Savino (Cloud is owned by the same guy — Savino Recine). K.P.

1 Dupont Cir. NW # 1; 202-872-1122. (Dupont Circle)

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PASSAGE TO INDIA

(4931 Cordell Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-3373. Metro: Bethesda) —

Beauty is as beauty does, and this fabulously detailed restaurant, like a Merchant-Ivory movie set, is very nearly as detail-oriented in the kitchen. Original chef-owner Sudhir Seth and his staff from his Heritage India days have laid out a new menu that offers basic comparisons between some regional styles, ideal for group experimentation. Among the best are the tandoori scallops and crab masala appetizers; malai chingri, shrimp in a coconut/brown spice sauce; ginger-marinated tandoori jumbo prawns; bhindi do piaza, crisp okra with cumin; and a great version of chicken makhani (butter chicken). Among the bread choices, the mint- and sea salt-studded purina paratha is first-rate. Entrees \$8.95-\$16.95. Wheelchair access fair. EVE ZIBART

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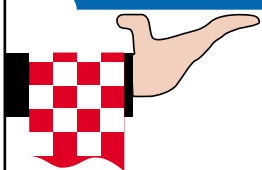
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